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**Paralysis** 

Hesse Setback Gives

**Opposition a Chance** 

To Produce Gridlock

By William Drozdiak

BERLIN - With his govern-

ment suddenly stripped of its ma-

jority in the upper house of Par-liament. Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder on Monday faced the

dismal prospect that his legislative

program may be paralyzed by the same kind of political gridlock that

Less than four months after tak-

ing office, Mr. Schroeder's ruling Social Democrats and their part-

ners, the Greens, were shocked Sunday when the opposition Chris-

tian Democrats scored an upset vic-

tory in the state of Hesse. The out-

come tilts the balance of power in the upper house, the Bundesrat, in

the opposition's favor and gives

them a blocking majority.
"They will have to talk to us now

when they want to pass a law," said Angela Merkel, general secretary of the Christian Democrats, "That

applies both for tax reforms and

During his successful campaign

to oust Mr. Kohl from power after 16 years in office, Mr. Schroeder

was stymied by the Social Demo-

crats, who held majority veto power in the Bundestal. In the wake of the surprising

interest of pushing through some diluted reforms, he risks alienating his core constituencies. But if he

sticks to the ambitions platform ap

proved by his ruling coalition, he could fall victim to Mr. Kohl's

plight and see his opponents freeze his legislative program in its

The first challenge seems likely

to occur over Mr. Schroeder's con-troversial plan to offer the possi-

bility of dual citizenship to the sev-

crats as Hesse's largest party large-

ly on the strength of a petition campaign, signed by more than one million people, that objected to the

The Social Democrats angrily

accused their opponents of exploit-

mg xenophobic sentiments to se-

cure their winning margin because

they were bereft of vote-winning arguments on the economic front. The Social Democrats and Greens schieved a relatively successful re-

gord in ruling Hesse over the past eight years — it now enjoys the highest incomes and highest level

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Even Bitter Enemies Come Together in Tribute

# King Hussein Is Buried as Jordanians Grieve

# Clinton Loses An Intimate **Mideast Friend**

By Barton Gellman Washington Post Service

AMMAN, Jordan — Only twice in this fractions part of the world has Pres-ident Bill Clinton formed a truly per-sonal bond, the kind that crossed from

statecraft to something like love.

Three years ago he wept with one of those friends as they helped bury the other, the slain prime minister of Israel, Yitzhak Rabin. On Monday, he bowed his head before the flag-draped coffin of the second.

The loss of Jordan's King Hussein deprives Mr. Clinton of an ally and mentor whose influence far surpassed his modest kingdom. In two central foreign policy projects of his presidency, confronting Iraq and righting Arab-Is-raeli peace talks as they stumbled, Mr. Clinton leaned heavily on King Hussein

for practical and moral support.

The intimacy of these two friendships, with Mr. Rabin and King Hussein, came out in small stories told of their time alone.

Mr. Clinton once recalled knotting Mr. Rabin's necktie for a White House ceremony because the old general had never learned to do it properly himself.

On Monday, the national security adviser Samuel (Sandy) Berger described how the president, before embracing King Hussein during the Wye River summit talks in October, had to wash his hands with special soap because of the king's susceptability to infection during

chemotherapy.

Mr. Clinton delivered no eulogy for King Hussein, as he had done for Mr. Rabin. The Islamic funeral provided no occasion for that. Nor could Mr. Clinton. and other non-Muslims accompany the funeral bier to the white-washed Reval

on spoke instead Monda evening before U.S. Embassy personnel, recounting how King Hussein saved Israeli-Palestinian talks at Wye.

"This whole thing is about to come apart," Mr. Clinton said he had told King Hussein. "I said, 'If you come down, they won't have the courage to walk away here without an agreement."
"Hillary and I have had many un-

believable experiences as a result of the great honor of serving in the White House," Mr. Criter said. "But among those I will treasure most, every day of my life, are the times we had with the

Much of the president's short day in Amman passed in the diplomatic round robin that elings to the fringes of every state funeral. Mr. Clinton held conversations of a few minutes each, enough for signal-sending and temperature-taking, with a long list of foreign leaders -Hafez Assad of Syria, Benjamin Net-anyaho of Israel, Jacques Chirac of France, Tony Blair of Britain, Suleyman Demirel of Turkey, Hosni Mubarak of Egypt and Crown Prince Abdullah ibn Abdulaziz of Saudi Arabia, among oth-

He also met briefly with Boris Yeltsin of Russia, who required medical treat-ment soon after and left Jordan before

the funeral began.

"I'm glad yon're here," Mr. Clinton told Mr. Assad, according to Mr. Berger. "I hope you'll help Jordan." The response? "He sort of said yes," Mr. Berger allowed, "but I couldn't see in

Just as carefully, Mr. Clinton steered clear of others among the "motley crew," as one U.S. official called it, that mingled among America's friends at graveside. "He doesn't want to bump

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Queen Noor, fourth from right, surrounded by weeping women as King Hussein's coffin left the palace Monday.







curred, however, and Hussein died Sunday in a local hospital at age 63. After walking stoically to a palace mosque for prayers, it was left to the male members of the king's Hashemite family to lay their leader to rest. With the women restricted under Islamic custom to a separate mourning area, the men gathered under a green tent, accompanied in their march by a military band, plaintive bagpipers, and the king's favorite stallion, symbolically carrying a saddle with empty black

World Leaders

Converge for

The Funeral

By Howard Schneider

AMMAN --- King Hussein of Jordan was buried on Monday in a simple white

shroud as international leaders, enemies

and allies alike, gathered to honor one of

the world's longest serving heads of state and a forceful advocate for peace in the Middle East.

service commemorating the king's 46-year reign first jammed the streets of

Amman with hundreds of thousands of mournful Jordanians, then jammed the grounds of the Raghadan Palace with a remarkable assemblage of presidents,

prime ministers, and princes, sheikhs,

emirs, and tribal chiefs.

It was a rite that bridged the world's

cultures and, for a short time at least,

muted long-standing enmities between rivals like Syria and Israel. As they filed past Hussein's coffin,

which was attended at each corner by

Circassian guards in lamb's-wool hats

and black coats, the military men in the

procession saluted, Roman Catholics

made the sign of the cross, Japanese leaders bowed deeply, and Muslims raised their palms in prayer for one of

President Bill Clinton and three

former U.S. presidents - George Bush.

Gerald Ford and Jimmy Carter lowered their heads in unison for a man

they all respected through periods of intense disagreement and equally in-

tense alliance.

Boris Yeltsin, Russia's ailing president, defied medical advice and

summoned the strength to travel here to pay his respects, though he stumbled on his way into the palace and had to cut his

The Palestinian leader, Yasser Ara-

whose Palestine Liberation Org

Most notably, President Hafez Assad of Syria attended despite the presence of his bitter foes from Israel, including

nization guerrillas once battled Hus-

sein's army, saluted the departed

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

After a lifetime of disputes with the Jordanian king, the Syrian leader lifted his hands in supplication, and later em-braced and kissed Jordan's new mon-

arch, Abdullah, Hussein's 37-year-old

the modestly decorated throne room where only three weeks ago Hussein

greeted family and friends on his return

from what was described theo as suc-

cessful treatment in the United States for lymphatic cancer. The disease re-

The line took an hour to pass through

their own.

monarch twice,

eldest son.

The four-hour motorcade and burial

There, the king's body, wrapped in the traditional Islamic burial shroud, was taken from the coffin and placed into the ground oear his father Talai, whose removal from the throne in the 1950s because of mental illness made Hussein monarch at age 19.

Passages from the Koran were re-peated in a lyrical chant. A military bugler sounded the last call. Attending

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the slightest worry or suspicion as regards the truth of the allegations," Mr.

political foes who would stop at nothing

sia and become a referendum on its gov-

ernment, the central player emerged as a

relaxed witness — smiling easily and sprinkling his comments with sardonic

observations about the police, high so-

When the judge asked Mr. Anwar to

run through his résumé, the 51-year-old

politician listed a series of increasingly

powerful government posts that culmi-

nated in the No. 2 post under Mr. Ma-

hathir. Then Mr. Anwar switched from

Malay to English to add a wry coda:

ciety figures, and even his own plight.

to achieve their agenda."

Earlier, he noted, "I know I have

In a trial that has mesmerized Malay-

Anwar said.



President Bill Clinton, center, flanked on his left by President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt and on his right by the sultan of Brunei, at the funeral. Among others behind them are President Jacques Chirac of France, left, and former President Jimmy Carter. Leading the procession is the royal family, including Prince Faisal at right.

### Virtual Stores, Real Clout Cyberspace Sales Pressure Traditional Retailers

By Stephanie Stoughton and Leslie Walker Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — Sporting goods retailers were hardly pleased the day Nike Inc. opened its own factory outlets, offering the swoosh-branded athletic shoes at discount prices. And their frustration grew when the manufacturer introduced its full-price NikeTown stores.

Today they are grappling with the company's latest plans: opening a Nike store in cyberspace where it will sell its bottest studes hottest styles. hottest styles.

"It's all about control," said Kevin Kim, Internet manager for Wings Foot and Sports Corp., which also owns two stores in New York. "They're trying to

get people to buy from Nike first."

Nike's bid to bypass retailers on-line
underscores how the Internet is complicating long-standing business rela-tionships. In the United States, the world's most developed on-line marketolace, it is already sending tremors

through the retailing and manufacturing industries, which have historically been close allies as well as competitors.
Clinique's World Wide Web site now

is competing with Macy's on-line site, which also sells the cosmetic company's products. The toy manufacturer Mattel inc. and the retailer Toys 'R' Us Inc. offer Barbie dolls on-line. And the retailer CompUSA Inc. proudly unveiled its own cyberstore, only to bump into supplier Compaq Computer Corp., which also is selling on the Web.

The tug of war that plant courses

and retailers have long played on the ground is spreading on-line and becommg more intense, potentially affecting all sectors of retail and manufacturing - and consumers as well. In the United States, for the more than 1.6 million retail outlets and more than 400,000 mapufacturers, the stakes eventually will include market share and for some. perhaps even survival. For consumers,

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#### AGENDA

#### Prosecutors Make **Final Arguments**

The 100 U.S. senators sitting as a jury heard a final, impassioned appeal Monday from all 13 of the House prosecutors to make Bill Clinton the first American president to be removed from office. Page 3.

#### Iris Murdoch Dies: Novelist Was 79

LONDON (Renters) - The novelist Iris Murdoch, 79, died Monday, her family said. Miss Murdoch had been suffering from Alzheimer's disease. A full obituary will appear in Wednesday's editions.

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# Anwar, Taking the Stand, **Calls Trial a Political Plot**

By Mark Landler New York Times Service

KUALA LUMPUR - Five months after he was ousted and jailed on corruption and sex-related charges, Malay-sia's former deputy prime minister, An-war Ibrahim, finally took the stand Monday in his defense.

Under questioning by his lead at-torney, Mr. Anwar laid the groundwork for his contention that he is the victim of a political conspiracy sanctioned by his former mentor, Prime Minister Mahathir bin Mohamad.

The government accused Mr. Anwar of quashing a police investigation of charges that he had illicit sexual relations with women and men.

But Mr. Anwar testified that he encouraged the police to look into the allegations, even though they were made in letters that he said were written

"I wouldn't have done that if I had

The comment drew laughs from the gallery, which included foreign jour-

"Now jobless."

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# On the Throne, A Man of Action

By William A. Orme Jr.

MMAN - The first clear sighting most Jordanians had of their new king came suddenly and dramatically last May, when gunmen who had murdered an Iraqi diplomat and at least 11 others were found boled up ontside town.

With news cameras rolling, a squad of army commandos in bulletproof vests assaulted the hideout, their leader exchanging fire with the fugitives in a battle that left one of them dead and the three others in custody.
"It was like a Hollywood movie," said a Jordanian

iournalist who covers this usually sleepy capital. "We couldn't believe that it was really him out there, risking his

On Sunday afternoon, Jordanians saw a different side of the former commander of the Jordanian Special Forces, as a somber, dark-suited King Abdullah II took the oath of office as the fourth ruler of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

Seeming suddenly aged and speaking stiffly in the formal Arabic he famously has not mastered, the new monarch sought to reassure Jordanians that he was confidently in charge, while at the same time acknowledging the deep grief they felt at the death of his beloved father.

Inevitably, he was compared on Sunday to King Hussein, who in his 47-year reign essentially created the modern state that King Abdullah now rules. Jordanians noted that he shares his father's trim, athletic bearing and his buskily direct tone of voice. And his first move as king was seen as both astute and popular, in the Hussein style: the designation of his 18-year-old half-brother Hamzeh as crown prince.

Still, Jordanians barely know their new king, while the man who preceded him had been their unifying national

symbol for half a century. He remains in the still-unfocused popular view more military man than statesman, more the daredevil older brother than the benign hut powerful father,

a role Hussein played to perfection.

But like his father in his youth, the new king was seen before his 1993 marriage as a kind of modern man of action, a gentleman soldier who was an accomplished marksman, a helicopter and jet-fighter pilot, a deep-sea scuba diver and an avid collector of antique weaponry. As a bachelor he had a taste for fast cars, winning the Jordanian National Rally one year, and, reputedly, the lifestyle that often accom-

UT SINCE his marriage to Princess Rania, a West Bank Palestinian whose family had worked in Kuwait but fled to Jordan in the Gulf War of 1991. Abdullah has by all accounts been a contented and private family man.

He has kept himself and his family - he has two children, 4-year-old Hussein and 2-year old Iman - far from the public eye. Even a few weeks before his sudden elevation to the throne, few Jordanians would have recognized him in the street, despite his hrief moment of

televised derring-do last year.

A product of elite British and American schooling, he went to Deerfield Academy in Massachusetts and the British military academy at Sandhurst, and took a yearlong course in international studies at Oxford and Georgetown.

Just a few days ago, he said he had anticipated continning his life as a career military man, handling internal security matters and strategic relationships with foreign allies. As Jordan's top counterterrorism specialist and a former

troop leader with Britain's fabled Royal Hussars, he clearly enjoys his association with others in the close-knit Western



King Abdullah II, with one hand on the Koran, being sworn in Sunday before both houses of Parliament.

military world of special-forces professionals. "I have a lot of good friends in the Pentagon," he says, and he has enjoyed "the bonor and the privilege" of collaborating closely with his counterparts in Israel's armed forces.

Within the palace, friends say, he had a reputation as a

family peacemaker, an attentive uncle and a fierce protector of his father's interests. "I always felt that it would be a

great honor for me to work behind the scenes for my father

and my family," he has said.

Yet he also says now that his father had been talking to the family since at least 1992 about reverting the line of succession to his own descendants. But though he was the eldest of the king's four sons, he said he did not expect to be named himself.

'This took me slightly hy surprise," he said with a wry smile of understatement. He said he was told of the decision. by his father just a day before the public announcement two

ETERAN palace observers say Abdullah did... have every reason to be surprised by the sudden,, turn of events. Had Hussein's health deteriorated to the point of incapacitation just six months ago, there was little question that his duties and eventually his, throne would have been assumed by then-Crown Prince Hassan, the late king's younger brother, who had served as the constitutionally designated heir since 1965.

And had the 63-year-old king lived for another 10 or 15; years, as his family expected the vigorous monarch would, the widespread assumption was that the succession would, revert to the king's sons but not to Abdullah. Observers expected a battle for the father's loyalties between Prince

expected a battle for the father's loyalties between Prince Hamzeh, the new crown prince, and Prince Ali, the eldest son of Queen Alia, a widely beloved Palestinian who died in a 1977 helicopter crash.

Yet until he was 3, Abdullah had been the crown prince, of Jordan. He was the designated and logical heir in a dynasty that traced its lineage through 43 previous generations of eldest sons to the prophet Mohammed. But Middle East turbulence and rumored murder plate per-Middle East turbulence and rumored murder plots per-suaded his father — who had witnessed the 1951 assassination of his grandfather that propelled him to the throne a year later - to place his younger brother, Prince Hassan, in the line of succession.

Welcomed in the region as politically prudent, the designation of Hassan as crown prince was also favored by conservative Jordanians who were uneasy at the prospect of a British Christian's son sitting on the Hashemite throne, the traditional protector of the holy sites of Islam.

Abdullah is Hussein's eldest son, from his English-born second wife, Toni Gardiner, who was divorced from the

king in 1972. Prince Hamzeh is the eldest son of Hussein's widow, Queen Noor, who had made little secret of her desire to have him one day head the Hashemite dynasty.

But as a career military officer for 18 years, Abdullah has

the army's unquestioned allegiance as one of their own. He, has climbed the ranks to major general without conspicuous favoritism. And for a political novice, he shows some early signs of defeness and an easy common touch.

His appointment of Hamzeh as crown prince was a sign that Abdullah had placed the highest priority on the healing of any rifts in the royal family, divisions that some Jordanians believed imperiled the country's political stability.

# In the Wings, a Target of Barbs

Queen Noor Sometimes Too Outspoken for Conservatives

By Douglas Jehl

MMAN - For more than 20 years, she was his wife and confidente, an American-born beauty who became a Jordanian queen. And even with the death of King Hussein, no one here is expecting Queen Noor to go away. At age 47, she is now the bonored widow of a monarch whose family includes his 11 children by four wives.

Queen Noor was at the king's side throughout his illness and is said to have been a huoying force as family members rathered around his hospital bed. And as the king lay dying, ne won hearts here by venturing into the rain Saturday evening, he head covered modestly in white chiffon, to circulate outside the hospital gates — the widow-to-be comforting the bereaved.

It was a graceful gesture from the queen, who has been a target of sniping in the past hut whose strength and warmth have recently won her increasing affection and who is now seen as likely to endure as an important voice behind the Jordanian throne. She was a Jordanian standing there with her fellow

Jordanians, sharing the moment and her emotion and feeling," said Sima Bahouf, who has worked closely with the queen since 1986.

Queen Noor was not seen in public Sunday. She had rarely left her husband's side during his treatment for cancer over the last six months and her confidantes said she was grieving in private.

The new king, Abdullah II, is not Queen Noor's son. He was born to Princess Muna, the king's second wife, who was originally Toni Gardiner. Queen Noor's own eldest son, Hamzeh, 18, was passed over last month when the king appointed a new heir.

But in an arrangement that many here believe was a parting gift from the late king, an enduring role for her family line was cemented Sunday when King Abdullah

named Hamzeh as his crown prince. Hussein's widow was born Lisa Najeeh Halaby to

Christian Arab-American family and raised in Washington, where her father was head of the Federal Aviation Administration and then of Pan American World Airways. She took the name Noor al-Hussein — the light of Hussein - when she converted to Islam and married the king on June 15, 1978.

The queen quickly became a warm stepmother to two of the king's children, Prince Ali and Princess Haya, the children of the king and his previous wife, Queen Alia, who died in a helicopter crash in 1977.

Queen Noor and the king have had four children of their own, two boys and two girls, beginning with Prince Hamzeh, who was born in 1980. But the queen has not always been

regarded with favor in Jordan. A 1974 graduate of Princeton University, she has been an our-spoken advocate for women's rights, economic development and environmental protection. She has been seen hy some Jordanians as too amhitious, too forceful and too, foreign in what is a very conservative society.

HE SHOCKED some Jordanians several years ago when she posed for a magazine photograph with her husband on one of the king's Hariey-Davidson motorcycles. More recently, during the internal palace jockeying over who would succeed the king, she was subjected to particularly harsh barbs from people close to the king's brother, Hassan, who was then the crown prince.

But her associates say she has tried to turn a deaf ear to criticism from people who saw her and her son as Hassan's rivals, recognizing as one of them put it, that, "If you want to attack a man in the Middle East, then the easiest target is

And in his last public statement, the angry letter Jan. 25 that dismissed Hassan as crown prince, the king offered an

Queen Noor being greeted by Jordanian well-wishers at the medical center in Amman where she comforted King Hussein until his death. eloquent testimonial to a wife he said had been the target of baseless criticism, calling her "a Jordanian who belongs to this country with every fiber of her being."

There is no constitutional place for the king's widow in

Jordan's monarchical system, but there is precedent for a powerful role. After Hussein was crowned in 1952, at age 16, his mother, Queen Zein, was a major force for well over a decade, advising her son as he matured as a statesman. Queen Noor almost certainly has more political ex-

perience than Abdullah, a career soldier. She has served as a roving ambassador for Jordan and was a frequent visitor to the White House at the king's side. On Sunday, President Bill Clinton, a good friend, called her "a daughter of America and a queen of Jordan" who had "made two nations very proud."

Well-connected Jordanians say they believe the new king may well turn to Queen Noor as a unifying source of institutional memory and as someone who can help to solidify a royal family that otherwise might find itself

### **Battles Erupt on a 3d Front Between Ethiopia and Eritrea**

Tompiled in the Staff From Disputches

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia - Fighting has opened up on a third front on the border between Ethiopia and Eritrea and was continuing Monday, with heavy artillery fire being exchanged around Burie, in the east, diplomatic sources

The fighting spread to the third front ern front. Sunday, the sources said. Fighting on the western and central fronts along the 1,000-kilometer border reignited over Earlier Monday, Ethiopia announced

that it bad sent fighter planes to support ground troops undertaking "extensive counteroffensives" around Badme, on the western front, and Tserona, on the Badme is 725 kilometers north of the

western stretch of the border separating the two countries. Tserona is about 8 about 40 kilometers inside Eritrea and about 100 cing thousands of people to flee.

There is no military presence in the two countries are the Eritrean capital,

"The Ethiopian Army has captured key military positions," a communiqué

The first shots of the war were fired last May in the Badme-Shiraro border area. An estimated total of 1,000 people were killed in two weeks of air and artillery attacks that followed. After the

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two sides signed, in June, a U.S.-hrokered pact banning air strikes, fighting tapered off. The battles that began Saturday broke the stalemate.

Eritrea, which charged that Ethiopia was also using helicopter gunships, claimed to have killed more than 250 Ethiopian soldiers Sunday on the west-

In Asmara, the Eritrean Foreign Ministry spokesman, Moges Niazgy, called Monday's fighting "very intense and

Both countries have beefed up their air forces with Soviet-era fighter-bombers since the last round of fighting. Eritrea now has MiG-29 fighterbombers that can reach the Ethiopian

Mr. Moges said eight civilians were killed Sunday and nine were wounded when the Ethiopians shelled Adi Quala, about 40 kilometers inside Eritrea, for-

town, the spokesman insisted. A spokeswoman for the Ethiopian

forces had destroyed a radar installation at Adi Quala and that the area was un-

The charges by both sides could not be independently confirmed. (AFP, Reuters)

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#### TRAVEL UPDATE

#### Flight Cancellations At American Airlines

DALLAS (AP) - American Airlines canceled 30 flights Monday, increasing the number of cancellations to more than 300 since Friday amid a dispute with its pilots. American said it was booking passengers on additional flights or other carriers as hundreds of people were

forced to change their travel plans. Some 200 flights were canceled Sunday, or about 10 percent of the airline's heduled flights, after many unexpected pilot absences. About 90 flights were canceled Saturday. Pilots were apparently staging a slowdown believed to be in reaction to sluggish talks on a work agreement over a recently acquired carrier.

#### Air Controllers Extend Pay Strike in Finland

HELSINKI (Reuters) — A pay strike by Finnish air traffic controllers that has crippled domestic air travel entered its second week on Monday, with the coungovernment said that her country's try's small-husiness lobby calling on the government to intervene.

The Civil Aviation Administration said 17 percent of domestic flights and 91 percent of international fights were flown Monday. The Federation of Finnish Enterprises urged the government to step in, but the prime minister has refused.

#### SAS Cuts Paris Flights

COPENHAGEN (AFP) - Scandinavian Airlines System will cancel 33 daily flights from Scandinavian capitals to Paris from Feh. 25 to March 14, the airline's internal newsletter reported Monday.

The cancellations, caused by a reorganization of France's air corridors, will also affect, to a lesser degree, flights from Copenhagen to Amsterdam, Brussels, Frankfurt and London.

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# Snow and Icy Cold Blanket Much of Europe

VIENNA - Heavy snow and icy temperatures over the weekend cansed chaos across Europe, as avalanches and traffic jams disrupted travel on Mon-

After the heaviest snowfall in decades, 6,000 people were trapped in ski resorts in western Austria on Monday, and in Switzerland an avalanche crushed a café in the Alpine resort of Wengen, killing the owner and his wife.

On Sunday, an 18-year-old German snowboarder in the Tyrolean resort of St. Johann, near Kitzbuehel, froze to death

after falling into a river. The popular resorts of St. Anton,

Lech, Zuers and Ischgl were cut off as avalanches buried mountain passes, an Austrian automobile association said.

More than 1.7 meters (5.4 feet) of new snow hlanketed the region during the weekend and more was forecast for the next few days.

Sweden, where two weeks ago temperatures plunged to a near-record minus 49 centigrade (minus 56.2 Fahrenheit) in the north, was shaken hy another cold spell on Monday.

Morning temperatures in Stockholm registered minus 12 centigrade (10.40

Fahrenheit), and minus 20 centigrade (minus 4 Fahrenheit) in the north.

The freezing weather delayed trains from the north by up to five and a half event scheduled for Saturday had been bours in Stockholm. The fire brigade scrapped due to gale-force winds.

ice at Drottningholm Castle.

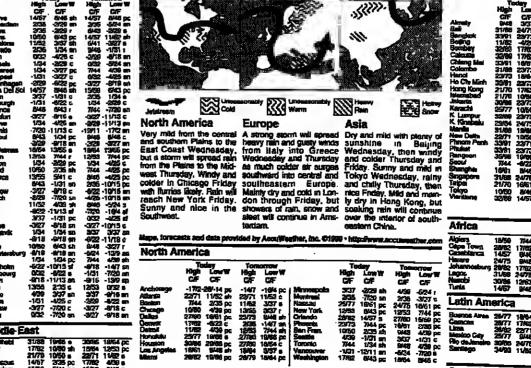
In Belgium, the army was called out to clear the motorway linking Luxembourg to Brussels after 300 trucks had failed to scale icy hills. In the Netherlands, rush-hour traffic

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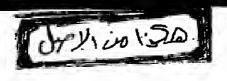
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#### THE AMERICAS

# House Prosecutors Make Final Appeal for Clinton's Removal From Office

By Brian Knowlton

-WASHINGTON - The Senate heard familiar arguments but rare passion on final votes on the articles of impeachthe last time in the impeachment trial of Friday. President Bill Clinton, asserting that the tions" and should become the first pres- senators sitting as a jury. ident removed from office.

By Katharine Q. Seelye

New York Times Service

cans, desperate to save their slim con-gressional majority in the elections next

year, are urging House Republicans who have promised to limit their terms to go

back on their pledges and seek re-elec-

'There are nine House Republicans

who pledged that the 1998 election

would be their last. Six of those are

expected to retire. Republican leaders,

who never supported term limits, want

the other three to run, on the well-foun-

ded theory that incumbents tend to win

in though that theory could be sorely

tested in the case of a candidate who has

broken such a high-profile promise.

The three are Representatives Tillie Fowler of Florida, Scott McInnis of Col-

orado and George Nethercutt Jr. of

Washington.
"We're going to encourage them to back ont of their pledge," said a top Republican aide who spoke on the con-

dilion of anonymity.

The Republicans also will continue

trying to persuade some Democrats to

switch parties. An initial sweep of a

handful of potential defectors failed to

Republicans also are trying to line up Democratic support for their showcase

POLITICAL NOTE

In Post-Lewinsky Era

WASHINGTON - The Monica-mad

media are ready to move on. First, of

course, there are closing arguments, an

impeachment verdict, the Barbara Wal-

ters interview, the Monica book and lots

that seemed to reduce everything else to

a blur, journalists are reinctantly rec-

ognizing that the gravy train is running

Now that we bave finally seen her

videotaped visage, what will the post-

Lewinsky media world look like? The

parade of cable shows, from "Hardball" to "Hockenberry," will need a new top-ic. MSNBC will need a new identity. Jay

But what about the traditional media—the "respectable" newspeople who

never descended to talk of thongs and

igars until a constitutional crisis forced

them, surely holding their noses, to en-lighten the masses? Will they be content

to return to the debate over Social Se-

Ken Auletta, media critic for the New

Yorker, puts it this way: "The people who sign our checks will want to have

more juicy stuff because it's good for circulation." He added, "The press

feels vindicated, that what we reported

was accurate: Clinton lied. The press is

emboldened to continue to be character

The first sign of this no-holds-barred

cops, to assume that 'they all do it,' that politicians are goniffs, liars. I don't think

mentality surfaced last week, when po-

tential presidential candidates were in-

George Bush of Texas was asked by WMUR: "Have you ever used drugs?

Marijuana? Cocaine?" Mr. Bush

replied: "I'm not going to talk about -what I did as a child," calling it "in-

Senator John McCain, Republican of

Arizona, who has acknowledged an ex-

tramarital affair, was asked about that period. Mr. McCain said: "I am re-

spend it for the benefit of poor people.

the full amounts of their federal welfare

grants last year, officials say. Govern-

ment data show states had not used \$3

billion out of \$12 billion made available

State officials said the number of

people on welfare had dropped much

in the first nine months of last year.

"More than half the states failed to use

. that's a healthy attitude."

curity reform and patients' rights?

Leno will need a new target.

But after a year of Lewinsky mania

of chatter about What It All Means.

Media Ponder Life

ation in 2000.

·WASHINGTON - The Republi-

Republicans Are Urged

that Mr. Clinton, with the help of perhaps all 45 Democrats, will prevail when Monday as House prosecutors spoke for ment against him are taken Thursday or

The prosecutors, all Republicans, president was "still in denial" about tried to draw on their frustration, gross misconduct and criminal ac- however, in their final appeal to the I00

One of the prosecutors, James Sensenbrenner of Wisconsin, noted that The White House legal team, making its own closing arguments, again denied the charges of perjury and obstruction of justice built around Mr. Clinton's athered for Mr. Clinton's athered for Mr. Clinton's athered for Mr. Clinton and the control of justice built around Mr. Clinton's athered for Mr. Clinton and the control of justice built around Mr. Clinton's athered for Mr. Clinton and the control of justice built around Mr. Clinton's athered for Mr. Clinton and the control of justice built around Mr. Clinton's athered for Mr. Clinton and the control of justice built around Mr. Clinton's athered for Mr. Clinton and the control of justice built around Mr. Clinton's athered for Mr. Clinton and the control of justice built around Mr. Clinton's athered for Mr. Clinton and the control of justice built around Mr. Clinton's athered for Mr. Clinton and the control of justice built around Mr. Clinton's athered for Mr. Clinton and the control of justice built around Mr. Clinton's athered for Mr. Clinton and the control of justice built around Mr. Clinton's athered for Mr. Clinton and the control of justice built around Mr. Clinton's athered for Mr. Clinton and the control of justice built around Mr. Clinton's athered for Mr. Clinton and the control of justice built around Mr. Clinton's athered for Mr. Clinton and the control of justice built around Mr. Clinton's athered for Mr. Clinton and the control of justice built around Mr. Clinton's athered for Mr. Clinton and the control of justice built around Mr. Clinton and the control of justice built around Mr. Clinton and the control of justice built around Mr. Clinton and the control of justice built around Mr. Clinton and the control of justice built around Mr. Clinton and the control of justice built around Mr. Clinton and the control of justice built around Mr. Clinton and the control of justice built around Mr. Clinton and the control of justice built around Mr. Clinton and the control of justice built around Mr. Clinton and the control of justice built around Mr. Clinto mpts to hide his affair with Monica he said, but "they are dead wrong about what we are angry about."

dependent and one vacant seat.

ternational Relations Committee, and

Jim Leach of Iowa, chairman of the

Banking Committee, could follow suit.

"If they decide to go, that's where we start to get in trouble," a Republican House strategist said. "We will need a few of their guys in the South to retire,"

he said, referring to Democrats who rep-

resent conservative Southern districts.

Only one Democrat, Representative Martin Mechan of Massachusetts.

pledged not to run again in 2000, and he

is considering changing his mind about

Mr. Mechan recently said that "ar-

bitrarily" limiting his terms had been

mistake. Democratic aides said there had

been no effort by party leaders to per-

suade Mr. Meehan to break his pledge,

and he said that he had not made a final

Of the three Republicans, Mr. McInnis most clearly has indicated that he will

run again. He has said that he did not

realize that members of Congress gained

power through seniority.

Mr. Nethercutt deposed Tom Foley,

the former speaker of the House, largely

on the strength of his advocacy of term

limits. He says he now understands that

the issues Congress handles are so com-

plex that six years 'is probably not

Mr. Nethercutt has not made a final

decision, nor has Ms. Fowler. She glided

to re-election last year with no Demo-

cratic challenger and recently was elect-

ed to a leadership post within the Re-

Although Congress has resisted term

enough

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publican of Pennsylvania.

As long as one party controls the House by just a handful of votes, mem-

bers who have promised to limit their

nervous leaders who want them to stay.

"We have not spent long hours poring

of them in anger, frustration or resig-through the evidence, sacrificed time anthority of law."
nation. It has become increasingly clear with our families and subjected Charles Ruff, the ourselves to intense political criticism to because of our love for this country and respect for the office of the presidency, regardless of who may hold it.'

Mr. Clinton's lawyers, Mr. Sensen-brenner said, had offered "a litany of excuses."

"He and his defenders are still in denial," he said. "They will not accept the consequences of his repeated and criminal attempts to defeat the judicial process. To keep a president in office whose gross misconduct and criminal actions are well-established fact will

Charles Ruff, the White House counsel, criticized the managers, saying that further a political vendetta," Mr. theirs was "a vision more focused on Sensenbrenner said. "We have done so retribution, more designed to achieve partisan ends, more uncaring about the

future we face together." As Mr. Clinton's team bas done since the House Judiciary Committee first opened hearings on impeachment, Mr. Ruff insisted that the allegations against the president did not meet the high constitutional bar for removal from office.

"When all is said and done," he said, "the framers chose stability - they made impeachment and removal constitutional recourses of last resort."

"You must decide," Mr. Ruff told the

ident has so endangered the state that we important votes of their careers. It apcan no longer countenance his remaining in office.

The House managers face the virtual certainty that they cannot obtain the 67 votes needed to remove Mr. Clinton from office. Never has a president been

so removed. The challenge now, some Republicans conceded, was to secure at least a majority — 51 votes if all 100 senators are present - on at least one of the articles. and save the face of the managers and the party leadership. That appeared more likely on the obstruction-of-justice charge than on the perjury charge.

With the legal teams' work done, senweaken the presidency, undermine the senators, "whether on these facts arising ators are in begin deliberating Tuesday

out of these circumstances, this pres- on what many have called the most peared likely that those debates would take place behind closed doors. A rule change to open the debate would require 67 votes. After the deliberations, the Senate will vote on each article.

Senator Tom Daschle of South Dakota, the minority leader, called for a vote on censuring Mr. Clinton to take place this week, immediately after votes on the articles. "We're trying to make a historic statement of record," he said

The failure of either article to secure a simple majority would represent a stinging loss of face to the House Republicans, who have been immersed in the case since the independent counsel, Kenneth Starr, delivered 36 cartons of transcripts and evidence to Congress in September.

All hut two of the 45 Democrats appear eertain to vote to acquit Mr. Clinton on both counts, enough to block his conviction. Still undeclared is Senator Russ Feingold of Wisconsin, who was the only Democrat to vote against an earlier Democratic motion to dismiss the charges, and Senator Robert Byrd of Wesi Virginia.

Mr. Byrd said in a weekend interview that Mr. Clinton appeared guilty of "high erinies and misdemeanors," the constitutional standard for impeachment, but that the country might be better served by letting him tinish out his two years in office.

The prospect emerged, uncertain but readily imaginable, that Mr. Clinton would escape the trial not only with acquitial but without even being censured for conduct that nearly every senator has condemned as reprehensible.

While a majority of senators seem to favor some form of censure, disagreements over its funn, timing and constitutionality appear to be substanual.

While some Republicans have joined in bipartisan efforts to draft a censure proposal, their leaders have shown no interest. Senator Trent Lott, the majority leader, has called it "premantre and in-

appropriate" to discuss censure now.
Senator Phil Gramm of Texas said Sunday that censure was not constitutional, and added that he was prepared to offer a series of amendments to block a censure. Other Republicans have threatened a filibuster.

The censure movement faces daunting challenges: Language weak enough to draw broad Democrate support is disdained by many Republicans, language strong enough to draw Republican hacking raises Democratic hackles; some members of both parties consider censure unconstitutional; there is disagreement, too, about whether censure should come from both houses of Congress, and whether Mr. Clinton should have to sign it.

Mr. Daschle said Monday that he

wanted a debate on censure by Friday, before the Senate adjourns for a week's recess. But he conceded that "Democrats. I don't think, will be united on censure." He indicated that perhaps 5 of the 45 Democrats want to end the process with the votes on articles of impeachment.



IN A SPOT — Surveyors using a global-positioning satellite system to pinpoint the location of the New Carissa and help refloating efforts. The freighter ran aground near Coos Bay, Oregon, on Thursday.

#### **Away From Politics**

 High blood pressure can be lowered significantly by a healthy diet, without hypertension medication, particularly high to high blood pressure.

A spacecraft named Stardust rocketed away from Cape
 A glutted gasoline market has driven prices down

• The father of the seven surviving Texas octuplets received two years probation after pleading no contest to among hlack people, according to a study published in the Archives of Internal Medicine. Researchers studied the Elkyc Louis Udobi, 41, told the judge he had apologized to effects of three diet patterns on 459 adults with normal-but-(AP) their Houston home.

Canaveral, Florida, on a 3 hillion-mile quest to bring back nearly a penny per gallon as retailers scramble for cus-comet dust. A last-minute radar problem had delayed by one tomers, an industry analyst said. The average price, inday NASA's launch of Stardust on its seven-year comet- cluding all grades and taxes, was \$1.0141 per gallon last (AP) week, down .94 cents from two weeks earlier.

# Outfoxing Pursuers, Bin Laden Gains Hero Status

By Tim Weiner New York Times Service

Six months after the deadly bombings of two American embassies in Africa, the counterattack against the man suspected of being the mastermind, Osama bin Laden, has failed to weaken his ability to strike again but succeeded in making him a hero in the Islamic world, senior U.S. and foreign officials say

limits and courts have ruled that states Mr. bin Laden's most potent politcannot impose limits on federal lawical weapon, his violent oratory conmakers, many candidates are limiting themselves. Five Republicans have demning the American presence in the Gulf, is winning sympathy and suppledged not to seek re-election in 2002. port from North Africa to South Asia, and 32 members - 24 Republicans and eight Democrats --- have pledged not to U.S. officials say. That poses a growing threat to American personnel and

Some candidates who have broken policies abroad. "This is a political movement." said such pledges in the past, such as Alfonse D'Amato, the former Republican sena top American counterterrorism offi-We have to have a political and ator from New York, have lost their reelection bids. But others have won, such diplomatic strategy to attack him with-out aggrandizing him." But Washington as Representative Bill Goodling, Relacks one, the official said.

The United States has aimed cruise missiles, covert operations and criminal investigations against Mr. bin Laden. It has arrested men believed to be his politterms probably will become the target of ical associates. It has thwarted two of his plans to attack more American em-People think term limits are a good bassies, U.S. officials say. said Mark Mellman, a Demo-

Bnt U.S. stratagems to block his accratic pollster. "But as an issue, it cess to bank accounts, cut his connec- officials say. doesn't have the juice. It's not as comtions to terrorist cells and sever his links

to political supporters have not suc- continuing to press foreign governments ican power, George Tenet, the CIA di-

rector, recently told Congress. The sense that Mr. bin Laden has strong political support even among

ceeded. Secure in his redoubts in Af- to arrest suspected supporters and aschanistan, Mr. bin Laden could strike sociates of his. Secret arrests and unat any time" against symbols of Amer- publicized detentions of several suspects took place three weeks ago, officials said. But the arrests do not always stick. Seven people detained in England and Albania at the behest of the United States have American allies abroad is shared within been quietly released for lack of evidence

A poster of Osama bin Laden hanging in Pakistan's oldest and largest religious school calls him a holy warrior.

the State Department, the CIA and the in recent weeks, officials said. National Security Council. Many officials there say their boldest

counterattack on Mr. bin Laden - firing cruise missiles at his guerrilla bases in Afghanistan and what they suspected was a chemical weapons factory in Sudan - may bave backfired. The missiles inflicted little lasting damage but helped to make Mr. bin Laden "a revered figure" in the Islamic world, a senior counterterrorism official said.

Mr. bin Laden receives money and political support from princes of the Saudi royal family, whose king he has vowed to depose, and from powerful people and financial institutions in Kuwait and Qatar, where there is a strong American military presence, U.S.

Senior American officials have ar-

gued ficrcely about strategies against Mr. bin Laden. "Wanted" posters went out last month, with blood-red type read-"This is not politics. This is MURDER." But now a different pieture is gaining

force in the Islamic world. A poster of Mr. bin Laden hangs in Pakistan's oldest and largest religious school, on the old silk route to Afghan-

istan. He is smiling, holding an automatic rifle. The poster calls him a holy "Osama is a hero," said Sami ul Haq,

a leading Islamic politician who runs the religious school. "Every young man here wants to be like him." He said he was sending hundreds of his graduates to Administration officials say they are support Mr. hin Laden's allies in Af-

have championed Internet sales, goading

ing the aspirations of the people," said Naseerullah Babar, a retired general who recently served as Pakistan's interior U.S. counterterrorism officials ruefully agree that Mr. bin Laden's oratory also rings true in Saudi Arabia. His attacks on the royal family's

ghanistan. This glorified image is

spreading in Pakistan, the country the

United States is relying on the most to

help bring Mr. bin Laden to justice.

When bin Laden speaks, he is reflect-

repression and corruption are facmalty similar to State Department human rights reports and CIA economic

analyses. But they differ sharply in blaming the United States for shoring up the House of Saud by stationing troops in the Arabian Peninsula. Some officials say the United States does not yet know its enemy well enough

to defeat him. The picture of Mr. bin Laden presented by the United States has been blurred by conflicting statements at the highest levels of the government. On Aug. 20, when the United States destroyed a pharmaceutical plant in Su-

dan with emise missiles, President Bitt Clinton's most senior national security aides said it was a secret chemical weapons factory financed by Mr. bin Laden. Those same officials later conceded that they had no definitive evidence of that.

The same day, Mr. Clinton gave a speech tying Mr. bin Laden 10 plots to kill the Pope and President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt. But those plots were carried out by people to whom Mr. bin Laden may have peripheral connections. if any, according to available evidence.

He has been blown beyond all proportion," said Ghazi Salah el Din, the information minister of Sudan, where Mr. bin Laden lived from 1992 to 1996. "I know the guy, having met him. And he's not that mighty. He's being pumped up. I can understand that in the context of trying to personify terrorism. But the United States has created a hero out of

American law enforcement, intelligence and national security officials are divided on some fundamental issues. For example, they disagree whether, as a federal indictment charges, Mr. bin Laden and his adherents helped train and arm the men who killed 18 American soldiers in Somalia in 1993.

Mary Jo White, the U.S. attorney in Manhattan, said, "We are confident in the allegation." But senior officials, including some who served in Somalia, say they doubt the charge, which Mr. Clinton made hours after the cruise missile attacks.

#### RETAIL: Spread of Cyberspace Stores Is Putting Big Pressure on Traditional Sellers retailers from selling its Dockers and aggressive in marketing its Arizona Dell Computer Corp. and Gateway Inc.

Seiff, chief executive of Bluefly Inc., an Internet retailer.

technology behind Internet storefronts?

doesn't want us to sell it on-line.'

images of their brands on-line. Off-line, manufacturers have discovered that they can better control their brand image and selection by operating their own stores. Retailers, meanwhile, have determined that their private labels are more profitable. As a result, the lines between manufacturers and retailers have been blurring for years. J.C. Penney, for example, has been

"One of our challenges is to convince the prestige folks that people will buy on-line, that convenience really matters, that we can create stores within the store to allow them to maintain their brand

jeans not only at its department stores, Compaq, which has a huge sales force but at a separate Internet site. Bloomand retail network to worry about, into ingdale's, Macy's and Hecht's also have doing the same. The president of Gate-While Estee Lauder Cos., one of the way, Jeffrey Weitzen, said the directworld's largest cosmetics companies. sales movement that has transformed his has ventured into direct Web sales with industry soon will roll through all sectors its Clinique line, it remains to be seen of the retail economy.

"There is no doubt in my mind that industry after industry will go through Peter Neupert, who left Microsoft this," he said. "I do believe everyone is Corp. last year to start the on-line phargoing to have to go direct with their macy Drugstore.com, said it had been customers. tough convincing makers of fragrances

Still, some manufacturers have decided they are not ready to sell on-line. and cosmetics that their wares will be Tableware maker Oneida Ltd., for exwell displayed in a Web superstore they ample, said it may have dared to open outlet stores, but has no intention of competing with its customers — the

department stores.

Some manufacturers worry that lowcost Internet operations will undercut traditional store sales. At least for now, most Some of the most visible conflicts have manufacturers that have ventured on-line

sponsible for the breakup of my first amiage. I will not discuss or talk about that any more than that." And it's a year before the New Hamp-Continued from Page 1 shire primary. Levi's brands on the Internet, then began the changing relationships are starting to selling at its own cyberstore a much Velfare Funds Pile Up affect selection and price. wider selection of Levi's than are avail-This is a once-in-a-lifetime opporable at department stores. Even J.C. Pentunity for wholesalers and manufacturney Co., the No. I seller of Levi's jeans, \*WASHINGTON — Billions of dolers to decide whether they are the true was forced to pull the manufacturer's fars in federal welfare money is piling up in the Treasury, unused by state officials, merchants in the game - if they want goods off its Web site. to take charge of selling the products "When we were looking to expand our who won control of the money in 1996 directly to consumers," said Kenneth by arguing that they knew best how to

> For manufacturers, the Internet presents a dilemma: Should they try to take advantage of the global computer network and sell directly to consumers, even if it alienates their sales forces and the stores that sell their products? Or should they support retailers who are struggling to develop the complicated

> Perhaps the most telling illustration of this power struggle features the jeans maker Levi Strauss & Co., which decided it wanted to conquer cyberspace itself, at least for now. It banned all

their own brands. Web site, that's when the communication how widely its cosmetics and those of

came down," said Stephanie Brown, a competitors will be distributed on-line. spokeswoman for J.C. Penney. "It was like, Hold up, wait a minute, Levi's Levi Strauss and other manufacturers said it was crucial for them to control the

image," he said.

surfaced in the computer industry, where are selling at or near retail price.

#### ASIA/PACIFIC

# China Agrees to Allow Disney Show to Go On

By Michael Laris
Washington Past Service

BELIING — Ending a high-profile dispute between China's leaders and the corporate parent of Mickey Mouse, the authorities in Beijing have rescinded their ban on films produced by the Walt Disney Co. and will show "Mulan," based on a Chinese fable, in more than

100 cities beginning this month.
Sources close to Disney said the firm was also exploring plans to build a Disney theme park in southern China, contrary to speculation that Disney was considering Shanghai as a site.

Disney was locked out of the Chinese entertainment market after government officials in 1996 criticized the company's release of a film sympathetic to the Dalai Lama, the exiled spiritual leader of Tibet. Disney eited the artistic freedom of director Martin Scorsese in its decision to stand behind the film, "Kundun."

To get back in the government's good graces, Disney launched an aggressive damage-control effort that culminated with meetings in Beijing in October with senior Chinese leaders Disney also bought the U.S. distribution rights to two Chinese films, one from a company run by Beijing film officials, and sponsored an acrobatic troupe in Europe.

your mistakes, your sentence gets reduced," said a film industry source in Beijing. "You have to confess. I think that's what Disney did."

Getting "Mulan" into Chinese theaters was seen as an essential part of and eager young eustomers. The film, Award, about a courageous heroine who disguises herself as a man and secretly takes two Chinese films Disney purchased, her ailing father's place in battle against was made by the Forbidden City Film the invading Huns, is based on a 1,500-Co., which is run by film officials in year-old Chinese legend, and the story is Beijing and has close ties to propaganda as familiar in China as Cinderella or officials. The love story set during the Snow White in the United States. "Mulan" has earned \$299 million in ticket handed melodrama meant to stir Chinese sales worldwide, mostly from movie-patriotism and faith in the Communist goers who had never heard of the story.

In a letter to Disney's shareholders dated Dec. 8, the company's chairman, Michael Eisner, described seeing the golden arches of McDonald's everywhere he went in China and said Chinese citizens appeared hungry for American cultural imports.

He said the company "could be getting close to the time for a major Disney attraction" in China. Sources close to Disney said the southern Chinese cities of Zhuhai, Shenzhen and the island province of Hainan were under consideration for the theme park.

In an effort to promote homegrown films even while it is admitting "Mulan," China Film, the state-owned enterprise that has the monopoly on importing and distributing foreign films, decided unilaterally that "Mulan" would be screened in China beginning Feb. 23, two days after the week-long nationwide holiday for the Lunar New Year, according to Jin Zhongqiang, an official at China Film. During the peak holiday season, theaters can show only Chinese-made films, Mr. Jin said.

eign movies and show them in the United States.

"We buy films from other countries all the time for our distribution," he said, citing "Life is Beautiful," an Italian Disney's business plan for this nation of tragicomedy about Italy's Fascist past 1.3 hillion, with a growing middle class that has been nominated for an Academy

"A Time to Remember," one of the Communist revolution is a heavy-



Mr. Ibrahim arriving Monday at High Court in Knala Lumpur.

#### ANWAR: He Takes Stand in His Defense

Continued from Page 1

nalists, diplomats and members of human rights organizations. If Mr. Anwar seemed to be playing to the gallery, political analysts here said that reflected how this trial had become as much a political battle as a criminal case.

Mr. Mahathir dismissed Mr. Anwar in September after the two feuded over Malaysia's economic policy. After removing his protege, Mr. Mahathir imposed strict controls on the country's currency and foreign investment, which effectively cut it off from the global

Mr. Anwar's onster galvanized people, who took to the streets calling for Mr. Mahathir to resign. Vice President Al Gore drew global attention to the unrest in a speech at an economic summit meeting in Kuala Lumpur in November, when he praised the pro-testers and chided Malaysia for suppressing political freedom.

The political nature of the trial was underscored Monday when Malaysia's attorney general turned up unexpectedly to lead the prosecution team. The of-ficial, Mohtar Abdullah, had not appeared during the prosecution phase of trial because he was named by the de-

fense as a potential witness. But after Mr. Anwar's lawyers did not call him, he promptly took charge.

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Mr. Mohtar wasted no time in scoring a political point against Mr. Anwar. When Mr. Anwar began answering when Mr. Anwar began answering questions in English, he said, "May I just note that the champion of Bahasa is electing to speak in English." Bahasa Malaysia is the formal name of the Malay language.

Mr. Anwar came to prominence as a Muslim student leader who pressed for his country to cast off its British colonial roots, in part by using its native lan-guage. But most of Mr. Anwar's lawyers were trained in Britain and they are more comfortable speaking English.

Despite desultory efforts to conduct the trial in Malay, the judge and the defense attorneys typically lapse into

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Mr. Anwar also set out to rebut accusations that he interfered in an investigation of his alleged sexual affairs.

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a setback two weeks ago when he approved a motion to amend the corruption charges so that the government does not have to prove Mr. Anwar had illicit sex. That means Mr. Anwar's lawyers cannot contest the sexual evidence laid out earlier in the trial. As a result, they say they cannot clear their client's reputation.

Outside the High Court, about 300 supporters of Mr. Anwar unfurled a banner that declared: "The People's Verdict: Anwar Not Guilty." Yet, milling around afterward, many seemed resigned to the outcome of the trial. 'Either way, Anwar will go to jail,' said Mohd Nadiman, a 29-year-old office worker. "But" the longer the trial runs, the more the conspiracy is obvious to people."

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TOKYO - The police arrested a former executive of a precision instrument manufacturer over the weekend and charged him with breaking laws prohibiting the sale of certain types of equipment that could be used in the development of onclear weapons to Communist countries.

Isao Sasaki, who retired last year from his job as senior managing director at Ryokosha K.K., an affiliate of the electronics giant Hitachi Ltd., was arrested on Saturday for selling telecomparators to China by way of South Korea. Telecomparators are measuring devices used

The company also sent employees to

which administers the Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Law governing the export of tools and machinery that could be used to make nuclear weapons.

The Japanese press is reporting that the police are pursuing similar charges against Hitachi Electronics Ltd., another Hitachi affiliate, which manufactured the instruments using Ryokosha's designs.

Teruhito Koizumi, a Ryokosha spokesman, said the company had Korean agent were destined to be incorporated in a larger project that was headed for China. But he said the agent, whom Ryokosha has declined to name, assured Ryokosha that he would make install equipment and train workers at a theapplications for permission to export

"It was a mistake regarding export

Ryokosha spokesman Another Kazushige Kamiyama, went oo to say that the company had realized its mistake and tried to get the South Korean agent to give it time to make the appropriate requests for permission to export the machines but "he did not accept our requests and explanations."

Mr. Kamiyama said the company had

dispatched personnel to give only the most basic instruction on the equipment, closure fell outside the parameters established under the law. He said the company now realized its interpretation of the law was wrong.

Hitachi Electronics could not be

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#### Hong Kong Ruling Criticized in China

Hoog Kong court ruling that opens the way to mass immigration from the mainland, saying that it was wrong, dangerous should be re-

court was a mistake and against the Basic Law," said Zhao Qizheng, director of the State Council Information Office. The Basic Law acts as Hong Kong's postcolonial constitution

It was the first official Chinese comment on a ruling last month by the Court of Final Appeal that gave illegitimate children of Hong Kong residents and children born before either of their parents became Hong Kong residents the right to live in the territory.

#### Vote in East Timor $oldsymbol{A}$ 'Face-Saver'

that could lead to independence, the foreign minister of Portugal has de-

The vote, on whether to remain a part of Indonesia with wide-ranging autonomy, is expected to be held

ject staying with Indonesia, Jakarta would give up the territory it annexed in 1976 and Portugal, the former colonial power, and the United Nations could usher in in-

Mr. Gama remarked Sunday. Mr. Gama remarked Surface-"'Face-saving for Indonesia, face-saving for us, face-saving for the Timorese." (Reuters)

# A Singapore Critic Is Facing New Trial

He faces another prison sentence

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#### A King Is Buried / A Day of Tributes and Mourning

# Yeltsin Goes to the Funeral **But Flies Back Home Quickly**

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

visit to Jordan for King Hussein's funeral Monday and received unspecified medical aid before flying back to Russia, Jordanian officials said

Mr. Yeltsin spent only about two and arung abrupuy mom to pay last respects.

As other world dignitaries were filing past King Hussein's coffin, Mr. Yeltsin emerged, walking stiffly, got into his car and was driven away. Mr. Yeltsin held brief talks with sev-

eral leaders, including President Bill Clinton of the United States and President Jacques Chirac of France, before A Kremlin spokesman said Mr. Yeltsin and Mr. Chirac had discussed the

diplomatic effort under way in France to bring peace to the troubled Serbian province of Kosovo. Russia is a member of the six-nation

Contact Group on the former Yugoslavia, which is trying to oversee a peace agreement between Serbs and eth-

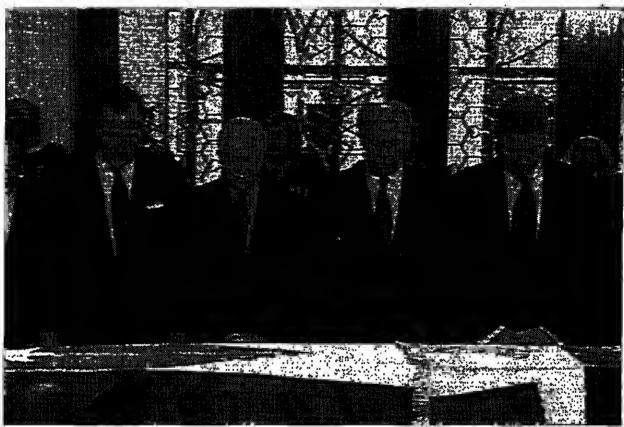
Mr. Yeltsin also discussed with Mr. AMMAN, Jordan — The ailing Rus-sian president, Boris Yeltsin, cut short a which was postponed last mouth be-Chirac his planned state visit to France, cause of the Russian leader's latest round of illness. No new date has yet

Mr. Yeltsin's conversation with Mr. Clinton focused on planned talks bea half hours on the ground before de- tween the Russian prime minister, Yev-Gore in March, the Interfax news agency

Jordanian Foreign Ministry officials, speaking oo condition of anooymity, said the Russian leader had been given some form of medical treatment, but they did not disclose its nature. Mr. Yeltsin then was driven to the airport, and his plane took off for Moscow.

Mr. Yeltsin, 68, who is recuperating from an nicer and has been ill several times in recent months, was accompanied on the trip by his wife, Naina, Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov and a number of aides, the president's press service

Arriving at the Amman airport, the Russian leader moved haltingly down



the steps from the plane, his face puffy.

But he walked unassisted. (AP, Reuters)

President Clinton, right, standing with former Presidents Bush, Carter and Ford, from left, at Hussein's coffin.

#### JORDAN: Clinton Weeps for a 2d Mideast Friend, a Mentor and Ally Whose Influence Surpassed His Kingdom

#### Continued from Page 1

into Gadhafi or anyone who's repre-senting Iraq," the official said, referring to Colonel Moammar Gadhafi of Libya. King Hussein's close bond with Mr. Clinton arose in part from bilateral interests that have usually coincided since an April day in 1957 when the king asked Washington to help ward off a military coup attempt backed by Egypt and Syria. Robert Satloff, a Middle East expert, recalled that President Dwight Eisenhower, "made the fastest-ever U.S. decision on foreign aid" the next day, and his press secretary issued a statement describing Jordan as "a vital interest of the United States."

In the Black September of 1970, when Syrian armor crossed into Jordan during the Palestine Liberation Organization's civil war against the king, the United States dispatched an aircraft carrier and Israel mobilized on the Golan Heights. That combination turned back the Syrian thrust and allowed King Hussein to

of Hussein's personality in international

King Hussein's decision to back lraq's 1990 invasion of Kuwait damaged Jordan's ties with President George Bush, who had known the king for decades and felt betrayed.

As Mr. Clinton came to office, King Hussein was looking for a second "Jordan must survive and endure,"

the king told an Arabic daily in the early days of Mr. Clinton's first term. "Unfortunately, Jordan has no support behind it except God Almighty. No great powers, and it does not even have the support it needs in the region." upport it needs in the region."
The Clinton administration inclined

to change that, for reasons of geography and demography. "Jordan is a weak buffer state wedged

between three of the region's powers: Iraq, Syria and Israel," said one U.S. policymaker traveling with Mr. Clinton. 'Instability in Jordan can therefore create problems and opportunities. Demographically Jordan has a Palestinian mamit meeting. The Clinton administration jority, and its fate is therefore made sure to leak an account to the inextricably linked with the Arab-Israeli press.

peace process."

By October 1994, a year after the first accord between Mr. Arafat and Mr. Rabin, King Hussein defied Mr. Assad and other Arab leaders by signing a peace pact with Israel. It was Israel's first warm peace with an Arab state, "born with a kiss" as the columnist Nahum Barnea put it then.
Mr. Clinton celebrated at King Hus-

sein's seaside palace in Aqaba, and the same day he praised Jordan's "signal to the entire Arab world" in the first address by a U.S. president to Jordan's

Though he backed Mr. Netanyaho ta-citly in Israel's 1996 election, King Hussein soon joined Mr. Clinton in outrage at the new prime minister's hard line. The two leaders often commiserated by telephone, and after serious Israeli-Palestinian violence in September 1996, King Hussein erupted in calculated fury

"The ascendance of Mr. Netanyahu to a Jordanian soldier went berserk and power in Israel drove the king and Mr. killed seven young Israeli girls, a mon-Clinton together," Radwan Abdallah, a arch who counted himself the 42d direct Jordanian political scientist, said in an descendent of the Prophet Mohammed interview Monday. "They had a common enemy, so to speak, who was spoiling their plan and a constant irritation."

By January 1997, with the two sides on the brink of their first deal under Mr. Netanyahu, King Hussein swooped in on his helicopter to give Mr. Arafat political cover for the last required compromise. An emotional and flamboyant man, King Hussein liked to use drama for effect. Frustrated again with Mr. Net-anyahu in March 1997 after the Israeli government began building a controversial new Jewish neighborhood on expropriated land in East Jerusalem, King Hussein sent - and leaked - a letter of

extraordinary anguish. Warning Mr. Netanyahn of "an abyss of bloodshed and disaster," he wrote: "I sense an intent to destroy all I worked to

build between our peoples and states." Less than a week later, the same king pulled a stunning reversal of tone. When

# HUSSEIN: King Is Buried in Amman as Allies and Enemies Alike Pay Their Respects

When the motorcade was spotted, however, a cry went up, as people shouted and chanted and threw flowers U.S. president, planning to leave the the air. Still, that did not keep the passion casket resting atop a trailer amid a colsame evening. Although no leaders of what Hussein called his "Jordanian orful collection of trucks and wreaths casket resting atop a trailer amid a coland formally dressed guards, the crowd followed in its wake, creating an imprompto parade that shouted and sang for Hussein. "Malak Hussein habib Al-

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The motorcade route was lined end to end with soldiers, who tried to keep heads and arms. Throughout the city, norther sidewalks martly as a chore and businesses and husinesses an

flew to Israel and knelt down on his knees to apologize. "I looked in his face and I saw that be was ashamed, and he had tears in his eyes," said an accountant named Miri Meiri, whose 13-year-old daughter Yaela was among the dead. "I'm not a young girl anymore. I can see the truth in

people's eyes." To help save October's Wye summit talks, King Hussein interrupted the battle for his life against non-Hodgkins lymphoma at Mayo Clinic in Minnesota. Yoel Singer, a former-chief Israeli oe-gotiator, said of King Hussein's role with Mr. Netanyahu and Mr. Arafat: 'Someone needs to stand behind them and give them a kick in the pants to overcome this fear of jumping.

"He said this agreement is not just for you but for your children and children's children, and he called upon both sides to make the final push," recalled Marwan Muasher, Jordan's U.S. ambassador, who witnessed the speech.

Bald and gaunt with chemotherapy, King Hussein managed to hold himself crect through the Oct. 23 White House signing ceremony the following day, As he had done several times before, he positioned himself as a human buffer between the grim-faced principals, Mr. Arafat and Mr. Netanyahu.

There is no ready substitute for King Hussein's experience and persona, for Jordan or for Mr. Clinton.

"We had two pillars, the king and the former crown prince," said Mr. Abdallah, the political scientist, referring to King Hussein and his brother Hassan. "One specialized in foreign policy and security. The other specialized in economic development and the like. Suddenly the two pillars disappear together at the same time. We have a totally inexperienced. a political noncatity I call him."

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dependence, he said.
"It is face-saving for everyone.

SINGAPORE - An opposition activist, Chee Soon Juan, left a Singapore prison Monday after he served a seven-day sentence for speaking publicly without a police

if he is convicted in a second trial, which is to begin on Tuesday. Prisoo life is harsh and demean-

It drains the body of energy and the mind of spirit."

But, he added, "If anything, it's made me more resolute and more determined to carry oo fighting and

Singapore Democratic Party, Mr. Chee, 36, is challenging the constitutionality of the Public Entertainments Act and the way it is used against opposition parties. (AP)

#### year and carried out on the streets of Amman. Amman. Security was tight, as Mr. Clinton and the speeding VIP limousines that rocketed through town as dignitaries arrived. Overhead, three helicopters, however, a cry went up, as per Continued from Page 1 guards fired a salute. Abdullah, who must now sustain his father's work, kept other leaders landed one by one at the choreographed to sit behind, atop, and in Amman airport, many of them, like the front of the motorcade, kept watch from to their king. As it passed, with the a stern face, though cousins around him

It was a day that eschewed eulogies and other elaborate rituals for simpler Islamic traditions. But it was a day that was also long on emotional impact, and proved, if there was any doubt, the force

circles, and the strength of the bond he created with his people. Not only were Mr. Assad and Israeli leaders attending the same event for the first time, also present was the target of an unsuccessful Israeli assassination at- people on the sidewalks, partly as a shops and businesses and schools were

spoke during the ceremonies, Mr. Clinton and the former U.S. presidents were family from spilling over.

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Mr. Clinton also planned to meet with King Abdullah, and he spent time ming- a winter chill; women held black mournling briefly with several other leaders,

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unearthly silence in advance of the mo-

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#### **EUROPE**

# Poland's Doctors Feel They Are the Ailing Ones in Anemic Medical System

By Peter Finn Washington Post Service

... WARSAW - At the Litewska Street Hospital whenever he can and earning little more than erief for his efforts.

. The hospital's surgeons call him constantly, pleading that he schedule this or that patient. He refuses most of their entreaties, and he acknowlgredges that relations within the hospital are are severely strained

Officials of the anesthesiologists' union are also calling Dr. Rawicz and telling him to accept only true emergencies. He barks back at them that, in some cases, he cannot handle even the

The wear is showing on the drawn face of the 25-year veteran. "Soon, I will be in a straitjacket or have a heart attack, or both, "said Dr. Rawicz, herion a 10-month-old girl.

the Union of Anesthesiologists.

The protests, which have been held on and off for years, were touched off again by national health-care reform, which was introduced this here, the chief anesthesiologist, Dr. Marcin Rawyear and will usber in elements of private manicz, is on duty nearly 24 hours a day, getting sleep aged care to a woefully inefficient socialized system untouched since the collapse of Communist rule 10 years ago.

But some physicians and other health-care workers argue that it is reform without reward and that they are saddled with standards of living that even under communism were pitiful and now, in the new capitalist Poland, are a joke.

Under the new system, hospitals and physicians would be subject to controls like those of a managed-care system, although patients are supposed to be free to choose their doctors. But no pay increases are planned to raise the Com--cra salaries.

"The sweeper at the Ministry of Health earns more than I do," said Dr. Przemyslaw Jakobowski, an anesthesiologist and a leading figure

taking extra 24-hour shifts and for on-call duty. 'It's bloody ridiculous, really, "he said.

The anesthesiologists' protest may escalate, as an umbrella organization for about 70 percent of Poland's 600,000 health-care workers called last week for a general medical strike, beginning Feb.

Nurses, despite the settlement of a strike they declared late last year, remain militant over salaries that rise to the equivalent of only \$130 a have resigned, leaving Dr. Rawicz with a skel-

Leszek Balcerowicz, a deputy prime minister who is also minister of finance, said the protests harmed patients and were therefore unethical by the physicians' own professional code, He said government spending on health care

would rise by 14 percent this year even as Poland's budget was likely to be squeezed by a slowing economy.

'Under no circumstances should we give in to ch pressures," he said.

The government began talks Wednesday with the doctors' umbrella organization to try to pre-vent a general strike. Bot the anesthesiologists' His monthly base salary as a professor of vent a general strike. Bot the anesthesiologists have quit work to protest anesthesiology at a teaching hospital is, he said, protests show oo sign of abating. In some regions \$225, He earns an additional \$250 each month by of the country, particularly the southeast and

parts of the west, no anesthesiologists are working, and patients with life-threatening emergens are taken elsewhere.

At the Litewska Street Hospital, one of Poland's main facilities for children, the number of surgeries has dropped by 90 percent since Jan. 1. People don't even ask now if they can schedule,

for example, the removal of a child's tonsils. Eight of the hospital's 11 anesthesiologists

on staff and tough decisions. Until introduction of the new health care system, patients here had three payment options—public, private and "black." In the latter, bribes, gifts and favors are provided physicians and staff to obtain better treatment.

In the public system, the government paid the bills, spending about 4.5 percent of gross national product on health care.

The reform — funded by direct employee contributions to 16 new nonprofit insurance funds, one for each region —would spin off public hospitals and clinics into autonomous units, which would have to be managed like enterprises.

The better the service, the more patients, lead-

ing to more money from the insurance funds. Similarly, family doctors would receive a fixed annual fee from the insurance funds for each

In Warsaw, for instance, the fee is set at about \$23 per patient per year, which is intended to pay for all visits, lab tests and X-rays.

The government is trying to promote health-care efficiency and an end to unnecessary hospital stays and treatment.

But, as with the debate on managed care in the United States, physicians here say the new system encourages them to avoid treatment, and the temptation to do so is all the greater, they say,

because fees are so small. About 25 percent of Poland's 120,000 physicians practice privately, and many are refusing to sign contracts with the new funds because of the fee structures, according to the National Chamber of Polish Physicians and Dentists.

Thus, the reform's principal selling point patient's freedom to choose any doctor — is in

Some doctors in private practice are thriving because well-10-do Poles are willing to pay for health services out of their own pockets

# Serbs and Kosovars Get Nudge From Their Hosts To Speed Up Peace Talks

By Charles Trueheart Washington Post Service

On tightened on Monday with an expression and of caution from the French foreign minconference a other co-host, Robin Cook, Nearly 2,000 civilians have been ant the British foreign secretary, would retim Tuesday.

talks, joined the negotiators at a pres-idential chatean in Rambouillet, where the talks began on Saturday.

the Yugoslav Federation and its Ser-bian Republic on one side, a medley of new constitution, for elections to choose independence-minded Kosovo repre- a representative assembly for 2 million sentatives on the other - continued to Kosovars, and for an international "omreview less contentions elements of a budsman" force to guarantee respect for draft peace plan for the Serbian the interim accord, Western sources in-

#### BRIEFLY

#### Vatican Shuts Case Of Guard Murders

ROME - Nine months after the commander of the Swiss Guards was killed inside the Holy See, the Vatican on Monday closed the case, concluding that the church inves-tigators' initial hypothesis, that he was murdered by a disgruntled sub-

ordinate, was correct.
On May 4, only a few hours after he was appointed to lead the Vatican guards. Alois Estermann and his wife. Gladys Meza Romero, were found shot to death in their Vatican apartment. The body of a 23-yearold Swiss guard, Cedric Tornay, was discovered nearby.
"The conclusion has been

reached that the Estermanns were killed by vice-corporal Cedric Tor-nay, who then took his own life with the same ordnance pistol," a 10-page report concluded. The report said that drugs and mental illness may have also played a part in the

#### Marine Pilot Flew 'Too Low, Too Fast'

CAMP LEJEUNE, North Carolina — A Marine pilot whose jet severed an Italian gondola cable, killing 20 people, was "a good stick" but flew too low and too fast whenever he could the day of the tragedy, a prosecutor said Monday at his court-martial.

Captain Richard Ashby was on his last training flight in Italy before redeployment when his jet hit the cable, Lieutenant Carol Joyce said

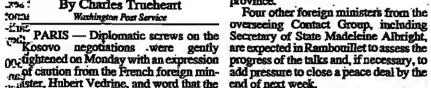
in opening arguments.
"Whenever he had the opportunity to fly too low and too fast, he did it," she said of his conduct that day. Lientenant Joyce said a backseat crewman will testify Captain Asaby even performed a 360-degree barrel roll during the flight, against regulations. (AP) against regulations.

#### Holocaust Offer 'Flatly Rejected'

WASHINGTON - Holocaust survivors and their families suing German firms for compensation for Nazi-era slave labor have rejected a \$1.3 billion settlement offer, a source close to the negotiations said

The rejection deals a setback to the proposed merger between the U.S. furn Banker's Trust and Deutsche Bank, one of the German companies

targeted by the plaintiffs. The source said the offer, made. 10 days ago, was "flatly rejected." Deutsche Bank had offered \$280 million and the other German firms in the case had offered between \$500 million and \$1 billion, the source said. News of the refusal came as talks between the different players in the case were to begin Monday in Washington. (APP)



killed and 50,000 displaced in a yearlong struggle for self-government by Mr. Vedrine, after saying "I cannot be Kosovars, more than 90 percent of whom are ethnic Albanians, a Moslim minority in predominantly Eastern Orthodox Yugoslavia.

At Rambouillet on Monday, the two . The two antagonists at the conference sides, still meeting with intermediaries, side the chateau said.

One participant said the talks were going in a "reasonable, rational atmo-sphere." "No one is rushing out of rooms," he said. "There are no contrived incidents."

A stipulated review of the agreement in three years allows the diplomais and whether and the how of Kosovo's eventual independence — and still proclaim a success in Rambouillet.

The conference is supposed to last no more than two weeks.

In the coming days, sources said, negotiators will take up an increasingly contentions list of issues. One will cover how Yugoslav and Scrbian army and police forces will be withdrawn from the province, and the provisional disarmament of the guerrilla Kosovo Liberation Army, whose representatives are among the delegates in Rambouillet.

The draft plan goes so far as to specify the size of the firearms the remaining federal forces and new Kosovo security forces will be allowed to use.

Renters quoted an unnamed member of the Serbian delegation as declaring that the draft text was "horrifying for us because it would take Serbia out of Kosovo completely.'

That is precisely what the Kosovar negotiators want.

Not yet under formal discussion, sources said, is a pivotal piece of the diplomatic puzzle — the deployment of at least 30,000 troops in a multinational force to maintain peace and security during the interim period.

The United States would contribute as many as 5,000 troops to a force dominated by European military contingents and commanded by a British NATO general — all operating under the su-preme authority of General Wesley Clark, the American who is the NATO

NATO's renewed January threat to carry out air strikes on Kosovo and Serbia influenced the antagonists' decision to attend the peace talks here. Foreign ministers of all six Kosovo

"contact group" nations — the United States, France, Britain, Italy, Germany and Russia — are expected in Ram-bouillet this weekend, at the midpoint of

the scheduled negotiating period.
On Monday, the Kosovo Albanians won a small tactical victory when their American advisers, initially barred by conference hosts, were allowed to visit them at the chateau. They included two former U.S. diplomats, Morton Abramowitz and Paul Williams.

The night before, they lost a maneuver when the three Western mediators - the American envoy Christopher Hill; an Austrian, Wolfgang Petritsch, and a Russian, Boris Mayorsky — refused to entertain a Kosovo motion to call an immediate cease-fire in the province.

A cease-fire theoretically has been in place since the October accord between chiefs on a new peace plan. the U.S. negotiator Richard Holbrooke and President Slobodan Milosevic.

■ Talks Resume on Bosnian City Arbitrators began a new round of talks Monday on the status of Brcko, a disputed Bosnian city, with Bosnian Serbs and the Muslim-Croat Federation both pressing for a long-delayed decision, The Associated Press reported from Vienna.

U.S. mediators, Bosnian Serbs and leading members of the federation arrived Sunday for the conference at a Victors hotel — the third round of talks on the explosive issue of Brcko in three



Defense Minister Rudolf Scharping, left, escorting the U.S. defense secretary, William they would go to agitate the whipupanti-foreign sentiment Cohen, by guards at the Foreign Ministry in Bonn on Monday. They discussed Kosovo. people.'

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#### But many Germans, in drive that was endorsed by Hesse and elsewhere, have rightist extremist parties that become alarmed by the grow-

**GERMANY:** Coalition's Loss

ing influx of foreigners who have slowly transformed the now account for up to one-

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of foreign investments of

Germany's 16 states.

third of the population, The Christian Democrats effectively played on those fears by insisting the dual citizenship law would provide unfair advantages to the foreign population and encourage a further wave of immigrants by attracting the extended families of Turks and other foreign workers who settled here.

"It was completely irresponsible, the way the conservatives manipulated the voters on the citizenship reform issue with their camfontaine said. "We need to
paign of fear," said Ottmar
Schreiner, the party manager
of the Social Democrats. long-term foreign residents,

Mr. Schreiner said the Christian Democrats were fanning xenophobic senti-ments by pushing a petition drive that was endorsed by are connected to neo-Nazi

Gunda Roestel, a leader of identity of the country. Germany oow plays host to more suffered a 4 percent drop in foreigners than any other support to Hesse, charged the country in Europe; in some Christian Democrats with cities, such as the financial waging 'a highly immoral cities, such as the financial waging 'a highly immoral capital Frankfurt, foreigners campaign" and warned that its slide to the right on the citizenship issue could end up legitimizing extremist and anti-democratic tendencies.

But Oskar Lafontaine, the leader of the Social Democrats, said the party needed to absorb the lessons of the Hesse election - the first of seven state elections this year in Germany — and, if necessary, carry out a course correction in dealing with volatile issues like immigration and citizenship.

"We need to draw the consequences from this," Mr. La-'We underestimated how far but at the same time does not among native Germans.'

#### *INTERNATIONAL*

# Mugabe Assails Press and Judges

#### He Appears to Support Zimbabwe Army's Torture of Reporters

By Donald G. McNeil Jr. New York Times Service

JOHANNESBURG — In an angry televised address, President Robert Mugabe of Zimbabwc pushed his country toward a constitutional crisis over the weekend.

The president suggested that the Sopreme Court resign, threatened "very stern measures" against the independent press and appeared to support the army's decision to arrest and then apparently torture two journalists and to defy court orders that they be released.

He also suggested that the article that led to the arrests — which said that 23 army officers had been arrested for plotting a coup — had been planted by British agents. Although the two journalists for The Zimbabwe Standard who wrote the Jan. 10 article are black, he accused white journalists and human rights activists of plotting against him and warned that "they have pushed our sense of racial tolerance

[Meanwhile, the police arrested three more Zi-mbabwean journalists on Monday, The Associated

Press reported from Harare. [Detectives took Grace Kwinjeh, a reporter with the independent weekly Zimbabwe Mirror, from the newspaper's offices, said the chief editor, Ibbo Mandaza. The detectives said they wanted to question her over an October report on the return of the bodies of Zimbabwean soldiers from Congo. Some 8,000 Zimbabwean troops are backing the Con-

golese president, Laurent Kabila. [Later, the Mirror's news editor, Fernando Goncalves, and Farai Mungazi, who worked on the paper when Miss Kwinjeh's article appeared, were

["This is designed to intimidate the media from

doing its work," Mr. Mandaza said. "We are not afraid, and we will confront and resist this in-

timidation."]
In his televised address, which was shown on state television Saturday night and again Sunday morning, Mr. Mugabe was reacting to a letter sent to him on Jan. 25 by three Sopreme Court justices. It asked that the president "confirm that the rule of law is accepted as a necessary ingredient of a

democratic Zimbabwe." It also asked that he confirm that the army had no power to arrest civilians and that the government rould oot tolerate torture, and to reassure the judiciary that the government would act in ac-

cordance with the constitution. In his reply, a visibly angry Mr. Mugabe defended the army's actions, saying it had been

horrified by the article. 'Propelled by the unquestionable loyalty and commitment to the defense and security of the state, they wanted to establish the source of the falsehood and so they proceeded in the manner they did," Mr. Mogabe said, according to an Agence France-

Presse account of the speech. The two journalists, Ray Choto and Mark Chavanduka, said they were tortured with electric shocks applied to their genitals by intelligence officers demanding the names of their sources. The Defense Ministry dismissed them as liars, but a doctor who examined them said they had been

"If The Standard had not behaved in such a blatantly dishonest and unethical manner, the army would not have acted the way they did," Mr. Mugabe said. He accused the judges of "an outrageous and deliberate act of impudence," and said that since they were meddling in politics, they should "quit the bench and join the political forum."

# Sierra Leone President to Talk to Rebels

FREETOWN, Sierra Leone - Sierra Leone's embattled president has announced a dramatic policy change, agreeing to talk to the rebels who unleashed a reign of terror to try to topple him. President Ahmad Tejan Kabbah said in a broad-

cast Sunday night that he would allow Foday Sankoh, the detained leader of the Revolutionary United Front, to travel for talks with his guerrilla But Mr. Kabbah said any talks with rebels must be held under the framework of a 1996 accord he

signed with Mr. Sankoh in Abidjan, Ivory Coast, on ending civil war in the West African country. "The rebels must recognize the legitimacy of my government," Mr. Kabbah said, referring to the central provision of that accord. The rebels also must halt all armed attacks oo

civilians and present no preconditions for talks, Mr. Kabbah added. Other key points in the Abidjan accord call for recognition of the Revolutionary United Front as a political party, amnesty for its guerrillas and their integration into Sierra Leone society once they have been disarmed and demobilized.

"I have agreed to allow Corporal Foday Sankon

Mr. Kabbah said. Corporal Sankoh is in the custody of the Ni-gerian-led West African intervention force, Eco-

to have a face-to-face meeting with other members

of the RUF at a suitable venue to be determined,"

mog, which is defending Mr. Kabbah's government against rebels who ousted the elected president for 10 months in 1997. The rebel leader was sentenced to death last year in connection with the 1997 coup and atrocities

blamed on the military junta that supplanted Mr. Kabbah's government in that year. Sierra Leone's civil war, which dates to 1991. intensified late last year when the RUF and renegade soldiers launched an offensive in a bid to free Mr. Sankoh.

They stormed Freetown on Jan. 6, catching Ecomog forces by surprise.

Hospital sources and aid workers say at least 3,000 people died in two weeks of mayhem when rebels went on a killing and burning campaign in

Mr. Kabbeh offered to free Mr. Sankoh at the height of the latest fighting but later hardened his policy toward rebels as Ecomog appeared to retake the initiative in the fighting.

#### BRIEFLY

#### Albanian King Remanded

JOHANNESBURG — Albania's exiled King Leka was remanded in custody Monday for a further week by a South African court. King Leka, 60, and four bodyguards were arrested after police seized more than 70 weapons and 14,000 rounds of ammunition at his home. (AFP)

#### More Clout Urged for Women

THE HAGUE — Nafis Sadik, director of the UN Population Fund, on Monday opened a conference focused on checking world population growth by giving women more clout in society and improving reproductive health care. Since the first International Conference on Population and Development held in Cairo in 1994, Mrs. Sadik told delegates, "you have moved decisively toward a holistic approach to primary health care, and especially toward reproductive health."

(AFP)

#### Mixed Vote for Mexican Party

CHILPANCINGO, Mexico - Mexico's ruling party appeared to have split governors' races with the oation's main leftist party in two Pacific Coast states, preliminary results showed Monday. The ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party seemed to have narrowly held back a challenge in Guerrero state, but in Baja California Sur state, Leonel Cota of the Democratic Revolution Party led Antonio Manriquez, 51 percent to 45 percent.

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#### **Mideast After Hussein**

durable ruler and most determined peacemaker, King Hussein, Filling the ominous void left by his departure may be the Middle East's most urgent challenge. Thanks in large measure to King Hussein, a just and lasting peace be-tween Israel and its Arab neighbors is a realistic possibility.

The king was not always on the same side of Middle East conflicts as Israel and the United States. But the two main exceptions, his participation in the June 1967 war against Israel and his diplomatic support for Iraq during the 1991 Gulf War, were based on misplaced calculations of immediate Jordanian interests. In 1967 he feared that Jordan's large Palestinian population would revolt if he tried to stay out of the conflict. In 1991 he worried that Jordan could be shattered economically by the air and ground war against its largest trading partner, Iraq. Both blunders cost Jordan dearly.

More emhlematic of his 47-year reign was his pursuit of peace with Israel Early on, he followed the example of his grandfather, King Abdullah, and met secretly with Israeli leaders. For many decades Jordan was the only Arah country interested in a peaceful relationship with Israel. Later, Egypt and then the Palestinians

The Middle East has lost its most moved in the same direction. But while all three now have formal peace agreements with Israel, King Hussein continued to play a special role. By his courageous personal interventions, he

captured the trust of Israel's people.

There is good reason to believe that
the special friendship between Jordan and Israel will continue under King Abdullah. But at least until the new heir consolidates his position, other Arab leaders will have to nudge along the peace process and rescue it from

The logical candidate is Egypt's president, Hosni Mubarak. Egypt was the first Arab country to sign a peace treaty with Israel, and Cairo enjoys good relations with the Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat. In the early phases of the Oslo peace agreement, Mr. Mubarak helped work ont arrangements between Mr. Arafat and the Israeli prime ministers Yitzhak Rabin and Shimon Peres. Since Benjamin Netanyahu was elected three years ago, a chili has crept into the relationship hetween Egypt and Israel. But Egypt's fundamental interests lie in leading the rest of the Arab world toward peace with Israel, and Israel's lie in belging any Arab leader hours. lie in helping any Arab leader brave

### Eritrea and Ethiopia

Horn, seem determined to pursue a foolish and innecessary war. These two countries share a recent history of close cooperation in fighting and defeating a Marxist regime that long oppressed them both and then in creating a small, independent Eritrea out of territory previously held by the old regime in Ethiopia. The two states are bound to each other by geography and broad common interests. The international banks have looked upon them as de-velopment models. Prime Minister Meles Zenawi of Ethiopia and President Issaias Afewerki of Eritrea, have known each other over time as friends. They exemplify what President Bill Clinton has hailed as a new breed of progressive no-nonsense leadership in Africa.

How is it that two countries enjoying such a good and promising relationship could be brought first to relatively light battle and now, after a pause, to the weekend's ominous spurt of extremely beavy battle? In that pause, they mobilized large numbers of troops and made outlandish arms purchases, thereby burdening their already strained budgets and tempting the actoal use of the newly acquired military capabilities. True, some scratchy economic and territorial tensions lay between them, but these were not of an

Ethiopia and Eritrea, in East Africa's order to justify the kind of war that the two countries then began equipping themselves to fight. The escalation of hostilities last spring, for instance, has been attributed to the pursuit of cattle rustlers across a certain line.

Since then, the two countries have launched mutual deportations, nprooting tens of thousands of people. The sweep and harshness of these expulsions fuel the fire. In particular, the extensive deportations that Ethiopia conducted have cost it much of the international political advantage it had gained from seeming to be the injured party in dealing with a pushy Eritrea on the territorial issue.

All the right people, including the Organization of African Unity, the United Nations, the United States and Amnesty International, have urged the two parties to leave the mischievous world of perceived national slight and look realistically at the predicament they have hatched for themselves. An OAU "framework agreement" is the consensus vehicle for mediation; the Ethiopians have accepted it, and the Eritreans need to as well. It calls for the cessation of hostilities, territorial withdrawal and arbitration of the border. This is fair and just. Who can induce the parties to come to their senses?

—THE WASHINGTON POST.

#### **Acquittal and Censure**

The airing of Monica Lewinsky's videotaped testimony before the Senate on Saturday was less a legal than a political exercise. Her comments and those of Vernon Jordan and Sidney Blumenthal added little to the evidentiary record. What the testimony did provide, apart from the chance for the nation to see Ms. Lewinsky address the affair, was another opportunity for the House prosecutors to try to give renewed velocity to what everyone now knows is a losing case for removal.

When historians someday consider the impeachment proceedings against Bill Clinton, they will no doubt be struck by the political and temperamental ravine that divided the House and the Senate in this case. That gap has widened with the House impeachment managers' failure to convince a skeptical Senate that President Clinton's offenses are large enough to warrant discharging him from office. The isolation and fervor of the House team were underscored by the effort to paint the latest comments by Ms. Lewinsky, Mr. Jordan and Mr. Blumenthal as crucial new evidence that strengthened the case against Mr. Clinton.

Representative Asa Hutchinson skillfully used videotape excerpts to reinforce the circumstantial case that Mr. Clinton did his best to keep his affair with Ms. Lewinsky hidden and to im-pede the gathering of testimony and evidence in the Paula Jones civil suit. But Ms. Lewinsky, who parried many of Representative Ed Bryant's questions, once again denied that Mr. Clinton had directly instructed her to file a false affidavit in the Jones case. Mr. Jordan

ridiculed the idea that he instructed Ms. Lewiosky to destroy romantic letters she had written to Clinton.

It has been clear from the opening days of the trial that the partisan passions that stirred the House to impeach Mr. Clinton never migrated across the Capitol to the Senate. That is as the framers boped when they constructed legislative bodies with such different constituent bases and election rhythms, and required a two-thirds majority to remove a president. But it also says something about this group of House Republicans.
The problem with their impeach-

ment case is not, as the House managers would have it, that the Senate has denied the prosecution a fair chance to present the evidence and witnesses. The problem is that House Republicans misused the power of impeachment to deal with presidential misconduct that deserves formal rebuke but not the ultimate constitutional sanction of overturning an election.

As the trial enters its fifth and prob-

ahly final week, the only drama left is whether the Senate will find a way to censure Mr. Clinton as it acquits him of impeachable offenses. This whole affair must not end without a stinging condemnation of Mr. Clinton's behavior by the Senate. Senator Dianne Feinstein, a Democrat, has drafted such a resolution with the assistance of Robert Bennett, a Republican. It is gaining support among Democrats. It will need a handful of Republican votes to pass, and a solid bipartisan majority to he meaningful.

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# Starving North Koreans Need the World to Help

TUMEN, China — Famine is dev-astating North Korea, refugees along its northern border say. The government is trying to keep the extent of the disaster hidden. The world should wake up to this terrible drama.

In interviews, refugees describe a land where social order has largely broken down and life is a desperate struggle for survival. People are eating a gruel made from stalks and leaves; the lucky ones have a few potatoes. Refugees talk about official ruses to

prevent Pyongyang-based diplomats and aid workers from seeing the real situation. Hungry children are ordered off streets so that foreigners will not see begging and stealing.

From the refugees' testimony, it seems likely that one of the major famines of the century is taking place, and that as many as 3 million people may have died so far. I covered Cambodian that as many as 3 million people may have died so far. I covered Cambodian and African famines, but this may be even worse. It could be comparable to the aftermath of Mao's failed Great Leap Forward of 1958-1959 in China,

By James Pringle

or Stalin's forced collectivization in Ukraine in the 1930s.

Relief agencies say that six of every 10 North Korean children are stunted. Certainly all the refugee children I saw in a 200-kilometer drive along the frozen Tumen River that forms the border with North Korea in China's Jilin Province were. A 16-year-old refugee girl was the same size as a 10year-old on the Chinese side; a 15year-old boy looked about 9.

In one small town on the North Korean side, there was no smoke from any of the houses or its six factories. even though the weather was bitterly cold. Only a few people trudged on the desolate main street. There were no

food for babies. There are said to be no anesthetics or medicines in hospitals. Mothers abandon their homes be-

cause they do not know how to feed their families and keep them warm in bitter winter temperatures, refugees say. There is sometimes electric power for two hours a day, yet few bother to switch on television. There is only one station, and this mocks them with end-less paeans praising "Great Leader" Kim Jong II and exclaiming that cit-

Temporary problems will be solved when the "starving people of South Korea are liberated," Pyongyang says. North Koreans must "tighten their belts in 12004" and prepare for war. U.S. Defense Secretary William Perry is completing a review of future options, after apparently concluding that current American policies on North Korea have failed. Washington's considerations appear to be based mainly on concern about nuclear weapons and ballistic missiles. The United States fears that North Korea may soon pos-

izens live in "a paradise on carth."

General John Tilelli Jr., commander of U.S. forces in South Korea, has reportedly told the Joint Chiefs of Staff Welations for

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that he expects an "emergency" in Korea this spring. That is entirely possible. The security situation in the region is certainly grave and unpredictable. The tragedy is that there is already an

emergency in North Korea — that of a helpiess people who are dying daily in a failed Stalinist industrialized state in which industry, except for munitions and missiles, has ground to a halt.

The international pop stars and politicians who drew attention to the Ethiopian and Cambodian famines have paid little heed to North Korea. The behavior of North Korea's leaders is bizarre, but that is no reason to abandon its suffering people.

The writer is Beijing correspondent of The Times of London. He contributed this comment to the International Her-

# Starr's Results? Failure, and Repudiation by Americans

OXFORD, England — I recollege textbook on American history. The task required me to incorporate very recent events into a historical narrative that begins in the pre-Columbian era. I found myself trying to describe this most unusual of political moments, and to characterize the curious figure who stands at

its center, Kenneth Starr. I did not, I confess, make any serious effort to discuss Mr. Starr's place in history. His time in the limelight is not yet over. I identified him as the independent counsel, gave a spare nar-rative of the Monica Lewinsky scandal and left it at that,

But his name will likely he appearing in textbooks for a long time to come. While it is clear that President Bill Clinton will, for better or worse, remain a significant historical figure, it is less apparent how prominent a place in history Mr. Starr will deserve. Will he he remembered as an emblem of our times, the personification of a harsh, puritanical trend in American politics, or as a footnote?

Some of his critics have already tried to answer this question by using the phrase "sexual McCarthyism" to describe his tactics. The similarities between the senator from Wisconsin and the prosecutor from Texas are certainly not exact.

Culturally and stylistically, the prim Mr. Starr could hardly be more different from the swaggering, gregarious and utterly amoral Joseph McCarthy. Nor crusade against Mr. Clinton unlikely that historians will ever who connects Mr. Clinton's been comparable to McCarthy's almost arbitrary strikes against any target that looked tempting. But, like McCarthy, Mr. Starr has used a public institution to conduct an excruciatingly personal investigation.

McCarthy and his minions nsed the power of a Senate

I will forever remember my

meetings with him, whether in

Washington or in Amman,

where he was always su-

premely courteous, under-standing and helpful as he pushed for peace.

States, King Hussein brought

extraordinarily able steward-

ship to his fragile country in a region of conflict and instabil-ity. And through the years he paid a price, in terms of op-

position from the radical, pan-

Arab regimes, for his close

political and military relation-ships with the United States

I remember the help he

gave President George Bush

and me in our efforts leading

up to the Madrid peace con-ference. And in 1994 he and

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin

directly negotiated the peace

agreement between Jordan

and Israel themselves, with

King Hussein took the risks

of opening secret channels of

communication to various Is-

raeli governments at times

when that was a dangerous

Perhaps that is why the former Israeli prime minister, Yitzhak Shamir, known not to

he enthusiastic about trading

land for peace, always insisted

that the United States should

do everything possible to keep King Hussein in power, even

after the king made one of the

few mistakes of his long reign, supporting Iraq in the period

leading up to the Gulf War. A

stable Jordan, Mr. Shamir told

little or no outside help.

thing to do.

and the West.

As a friend of the United

By Alan Brinkley

committee to subpoena private records, investigate personal habits, raid libraries, exploit minor inconsistencies in the testimony of witnesses, and describe vague possibilities of wrongdoing as hard certainties. McCarthy justified his inves-tigation by insisting that larger crimes (disloyalty and treason) were his real concern. Mr. Starr has done much the same.

There are other figures in America's past to whom historians may someday compare Mr. Starr. One is Anthony Comstock, the late 19th century moral crusader who gave his name to a series of state and national laws regulating "obscenity." As secretary of the New York Society for the Snppression of Vice, be organized raids that destroyed 200 tons of allegedly pornographic literat-ure, and stamped his grim, pur-itanical profile onto the public

Many of Mr. Starr's critics have seen him, too, as a puritanical zealot trying to impose a new morality on pubbic life. Perhaps for Mr. Starr, unlike Comstock, policing personal mor-ality is only a means to an end, not an end in itself. Whatever his intentions, the result of his efforts, as with Comstock's, has been to thrust the issue of private sexual morality into the center of

public discourse. The names of McCarthy and Comstock have become symbols of something larger than the struction of justice. men themselves. But it seems way they talk about McCarthyism and Comstockery. Mr. Starr seems jarringly out of tune with American popular culture. He represents, rather, a particular way of using official power.

To me, at least, the most distinctive characteristic of the

Hussein Has Left Jordan on Track

A consistent voice of mod-

eration in Arab-Israeli peace-

making, King Hussein made

the necessary political accom-

modations with the Palestin-

ians, who share a close geo-political destiny with Jordan and today represent some 60 percent of its population.

The king made a bold and

intelligent decision in grant-

ing them Jordanian citizen-

ship, rather than maintaining the harsh refugee status they endured in the neighboring

Arab states of Syria, Lebanon and Egypt, and elsewhere.

King Hussein also read the regional dynamics of change

correctly, with the growing role of the Palestine Liberation

Organization as the represen-

tative of the Palestinian people,

and during the intifada, when he put political distance be-

tween Jordan and the West

Bank, thereby permitting Palestinians to lead in determining

Today, Israel and Jordan have their 1994 peace treaty.

But it has yet to be fully con-

solidated, not only bilaterally

between Israel and Jordan but

also in the larger Arab-Israeli context. The slow and uneven

pace of peace negotiations since 1993 has caused bitter

feelings on both sides, and a

lack of trust has poisoned at-

titudes, especially among the

scored the fragility of the Is-

rael-Jordan peace treaty, which cannot stand alone. In-

deed, the core concept to which the 1991 Madrid peace

conference gave birth was face-to-face negotiations be-tween Israel and all its im-

their own destiny.

HOUSTON — The passing of King Hussein generates many thoughts and feelings. As a personal friend,

A consistent voice of mod-

Starr investigation is the way it has transformed an arm of the federal government into a powerful force committed to destroying a single man. For that, there seems to be only one recent historical analogy, and it is an uncomfortable one for many of Mr. Starr's opponents.

In the early 1960s, Attorney General Robert Kennedy set the Justice Department on a ruthless crusade against Jimmy Hoffa, unleashing the FBI and other investigators to uncover anything that would allow the government to "get" the con-troversial teamster leader. Hoffa was finally convicted on relatively minor charges of jury tampering and fraud.

Mr. Starr's investigation, like Kennedy's, has been uncon-strained by the normal standards ceed in driving Bill Clinton from office, and in making his

of criminal prosecution. The Office of Independent Counsel was created as a theoretically lit is all but certain that Mr. disinterested body, intended to absolve officials of wrongdoing as often as to convict them. Mr. Starr has transformed it into the equivalent of a racketeering investigation against a mob leader
— the kind of investigation that the crusade against Hoffa helped legitimize.

Even admirers of Robert Kennedy, of whom I am one, have found his relentless assault on a single man troubling,

even frightening.

In the end, however, Mr.
Starr's place in history will largely depend on the results of his efforts. To justify his critics' placement of him on the roster of great and largely reviled in-quisitors, he would have to suc-

It is all but certain that Mr. Clinton will survive Mr. Starr's. assault. And it seems probable that Mr. Starr's unpopularity will doom the independent

comsel statute to extinction.

Mr. Starr's principal resultmay he to persuade Americans to shun such heavy-handed uses of official power in the future. In that case, he will be remembered by history, to the degree he is remembered at all, as a strange and ultimately ineffectual figure. most notable for his repudiation: by the American public.

The writer is a professor of history at Columbia University and author of "The Unfinished Nation: A Concise History of the American People." He contributed this comment to The-

# **But Truth About Clinton Will Emerge**

WASHINGTON — Two shrewdly folksy political lawyers, each a master of

Southern down-homeyness, came to grips last week on the core issue of the Clinton impeachment. First Friend Vernon Jordan, as witness, used the rich dialect phrase "mother wit," defining it as "common sense, judgment," and one of the House managers, Asa Hutchinson, as prosecutor, picked it up to help make his case of ob-

Mr. Jordan talk about "Starrism" in the successful cover-up of Whitewater to his unsuccessful coverup of the Lewinsky affair.

It was Mr. Jordan who sent the potential witness, Webster Hubbell, to Revlon in New York to get a \$100,000 retainer, widely described as "bush money." It was Mr. Jordan who

With a total lack of movement on the Syrian and Leb-anese negotiating tracks since 1996, this strategically impor-tant dimension of peace has been neglected. This puts ad-

ditional pressure on the Israe-

li-Jordanian relationship. In

the absence of progress on the

peace agreements. Jordan re-mains vulnerable to regional

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As Crown Prince Abdullah,

King Hussein's oldest son, comes to power in Jordan, he

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test in this larger geopolitical context. I helieve that King

Hussein's recent shifting of power from his brother,

former Crown Prince Hassan

to Prince Abdullah demon-

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for the stability of Jordan.

Crown Prince Abdullah

comes straight from the mil-

itary tradition of Jordan's

monarchy. He therefore will have the support of the

Bedonin tribes, which make up most of that military. The

prince is married to a Pales-

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fact that will not burt him with

the Jordanian population that is Palestinian. And he should

be popular with the growing

For all these reasons, I be-

lieve that the transition from

father to son will succeed, not-

withstanding Crown Prince

Abdullah's relative inexperi-

ence. When King Hussein realized that he might not survive

Jordan and of peace and sta-bility in the Middle East.

during the Bush administra-

tion, contributed this comment

to The New York Times.

The writer, secretary of state

This, in turn, has under-cored the fragility of the Is-tel-Jordan peace treaty, the illness, he acted once more with foresight and determina-tion in the best interests of

middle class in Jordan, too.

By William Safire

took another potential witness, Monica Lewinsky, to Revlon to get her a job as she was preparing a false affidavit to profect Mr. Clinton in his Paula Jones lawsuit. Indeed; that previous Jordan succor induced the attorney general, Janet Reno, to let Kenneth Starr, the independent counsel, investigate Mr. Clinton's witness-tampering with Ms. Lewinsky.

MODOGY GIS Clinton enlisted Mr. Jordan's aid in finding a lucrative job away from Washington for a woman wbose truthful testimony in the Paula Jones case surely would have been embarrassing and might have cost him a million dollars. Or that Mr. Jordan took her to a lawyer who would help prepare the affidavit to avoid estifying. Or that Mr. Jordan called the top man at Revion to make sure she got the job offer, and reported to Mr. Clinton "Mission accomplished."

The obstruction charge is plain: To impede justice in a civil rights suit, Mr. Clinton used Mr. Jordan as his agent to make it worth Ms. Lewinsky's while to lie under oath.

The defense boils down to this: The events are unrelated. Mr. Jordan helps a lot of young people and has introduced other White House aides to lawyers.

As a longtime acquaintance of Mr. Jordan, I consult my mother wit to conclude (1) that because Mr. Jordan is, as he likes to say, "no fool," he gave no direction to Ms. Lewinsky to break the law, (2) that he knew the legal importance of separating himself and the president from her affidavit, which is why he drove her over to another lawyer's office, and (3) that his sertion that he asked Mr. Clinton if he was having sexual

relations with this young woman, and was assured be was not;

These guys tell each other everything about women. When asked what he talks to the president about, Mr. Jordan has replied frequently and famously with a single feline noun. Why, then, was he eager to testify that he sought out Mr. Clinton to askabout sexual relations with Ms., Lewinsky, and was told "no"? Answer: Because he needed

not to know specifically about eir aigair. In order to act a Clinton's agent in getting Ms. Lewinsky to retain a lawyerfriend for the affidavit, and to allow himself to arrange for 3 something of value to ber in the form of a job, Mr. Jordan needed not to be privy to the lying that was being sought and rewarded.

Accordingly, he probably said he assumed that no hankypanky was going on, and the president took his cue to say of course not. Mr. Jordan was then, free to act unburdened by guilty. knowledge of the president's intent to obstruct justice.

That is the logical explanation for Mr. Clinton not boast=1 ing as usual about his latest conquest when alone late at night with his best male friend. These two attorneys, having practiced with taking care of Mr. Hubbell, know how to play the game.

Mr. Hutchinson is also no 2

fool. When "mother wit" is applied to the testimony he elicited from Mr. Jordan, what: emerges is the clear intent of the person who masterminded and benefited from the acts of his agents — Obstructer-in-Chief

This speedy trial is serving its limited but historic purpose of making public what the public wants to ignore. The president will stay in, but truth will out, The New York Times

#### IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

### 1899: Army Cronyism

PARIS — [The Herald says in an PARIS — [The Herald says in an Editorial:] The mitigation of the sentence on Brigadier-General Eagan, the United States Commissary-General, by President McKinley unds to confirm all that has been alleged regarding corruption in the War Department through favored contractors and the keeping of incompetent officials in their places. It is a discredit to the Adminisis a discredit to the Administration and to the civil branch of the army organization.

#### 1924: Undying Vanity

PARIS — [The Herald says in an Editorial.] "There is nothing new under the sun." Carthagenian women had their lip-sticks and their rouge powder. Both of these munitions of the toilet have been found in the ruins of the ancient Phenician town. But this discovery is not at all surprising to those who have studied the

habits of bumankind in the various epochs of history. The low-est savages paint their faces and so do some of the gentlest and most highly cultivated women. Paint, powder and perfume mean little except that the feminine appeal of one age is sometimes effective in succeeding ages and that vanity is undying.

#### 1949: Treason Charge BUDAPEST — Joseph Cardin-

al Mindszenty, Roman Catholic Primate of Hungary, was con-victed of treason by a Communist people's court and sentenced to life imprisonment. The court held Cardinal Mindszenty guilty on three charges: treason, attempting to over-throw the republic and foreign currency speculations. Dr. Olthys discussed the charges. He said: "The head of the Church became a political leader. Hapsburg rule and democracy are impossible together.

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a weapons of mass destruction and mariles in deliver them. General John Tilelli Ir., commander U.S. forces in South Korea, has tereedly told the Joint Chiefs of Staff if he expects an "emergency" in Kn. this spring. That is cautely possible tainly grave and unpredictable. The tragedy is that there is already an

nergency in North Korea - that of a increasely in the same dying daily in tailed Stalinist industrialized state in hich industry, except for munitions nd missiles, has ground to a halt.

The international pop stars and diticiens who drew attention to the thiopian and Cambodian famines ave paid little heed to North Korea. he behavior of North Korea's leaders bizarre, but that is no reason to bandon its suffering people.

The writer is Beijing correspondent #The Times of London. He commbuted his comment to the International Her-

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> The writer is a professor of history at Columbia University and author of "The Unfinished Nation: A Concise History the American People He on tributed this comment to The New York Times

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#### OPINION/LETTERS

### Ne Relations for Iran and America

WASHINON — Cyrus R. Vancer former U.S. secretary of sti dropped a diplo-matic bombel last month when he called foe re-establishment of diplomatics between Iran and the United es. Coming from a of Central Asia.
man who as retary of statt was Mr. Vance wi directly inved in the ruptire of those relati during the 1979 hostage cri Mr. Vances call

Speaking the Asia Society in New York Jan. 13 in alecture co-hosted the Americantranian Council, N Vance set o conditions or newing ties simply calling one leaders in both countries but the pat behind them and to the furte.

Aside in an account in The Washing Post, Mr. Vince's sur-prising coments were ssentially ignored the media ad seem to have gottonly passig notice by the Clint chainistraton.

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All d with is rerettable at a time when merica interests in the broader entral sian-Gulf re
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American business interests are frozen out of what will become one of the region's larger emerging 'kion are vermuch a stake.

Mr. Vancwas wing a kind of swake-up ca notig that the two

By L. Bruce Laingen

mon interests in the fight against drugs, instability in Afghanistan and concerns about Iraq, security in the Gulf and the future of the states

diplomatic relations at the outset need not be at the ambassadorial level, nor necessarily friendly. But once relations were re-established, the legitimate concerns of the United States concerning terrorism, weapons of mass destruction of faith" by leadership in both and the Middle East peace process could begin to be seriously discussed. Iran has its own concerns, to show that spirit.

not least about U.S. economic Secretary of State Madeleine Al-

Mr. Vance is right. Both governments surely know that the issues dividing them cannot possibly be dealt with except by dialogue.

That Iran and the United States continue, after 20 long years, to hold each other at arm's length while publicly reciting respective grievances makes no sense for

And two decades of confrontation have deprived the United (Countries stred inportant com- States of contact with an entire

Third, as business people,

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generation, Iran's young people who - as Mr. Vance pointed out - clearly want to be integrated into the world community.

All of which, of course, is easily said. Action is something else. Two decades of accumulated public Mr. Vance wisely observed that emotions, encrusted official pronouncements and legislated pro-hibitions of one kind or another burden the record; they cannot easily be set aside.

Let the United States be the first

bright said last month, without ap-parent reference to Mr. Vance's speech, that Iran should not be in isolation forever and reiterated that the United States was prepared for a dialogue. The Iranian foreign minister, Kamal Kharrazi, responded that concrete steps were

opportunity currently presents itself in an American company that wants to respond to an framian opening for imports of agricultural commodities, where a special license would be needed because of the U.S. embargo on trade with Iran.

Granting that license would be a

. Follow that up, for example, can suggest behind-the-scenes con- Angeles Times.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



By PANCHO in Le Monde (Parus), CAM Syndrate

with an offer to assign an American vice consul to the U.S. interests section of the Swiss Embassy in

Khatami speaks. Then the United States should make concrete its stated readiness for dialogue by a specific, even public, offer to do so, possibly at the United Nations in New York.

versations between trusted emissaries in a place like Geneva or Oslo. It is well past time for both Tehran, to facilitate the handling of Iran and the United States to recthe people-to-people contacts of ognize reality. The two countries which President Mohammed need to talk. need to talk.

The writer, president of the American Academy of Diplomacy in Washington, was the senior dip-lomat in the U.S. Embassy in Tehran when it was seized by Ira-And if that is too much for nian militants in 1979, He con-Tehran to bear, the United States tributed this comment to The Los

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Regarding Famers Accused of Piro is a Landmark Gene Ce (Feb. 4):

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The writer is president of Monsanto Agriculture.

#### Italy's Fiscal Rigor

Regarding "EU Warns Italy on Deficit Criteria for Single Currency" (Feb. 4): The European Commission said that although Italy

made great efforts to become ooe of the 11 countries adopting the euro, concerns were ed about the high level of public debt. The commission does not

say that the efforts were sticking American taxpayers future abuses.

wrong. Italy did not cut struc- with another \$1.5 trillion debt tural costs and the reduction during President George of the deficit was obtained through over-taxation. This excess of taxes is one, and perhaps the main, reason for defense spending. What the slowing of Italian eco-

comic growth. PIETRO IMPERIA.

#### Women and Careers

Regarding "Delaying a clear submarines, F-22s and Career May Be a Good B-2 bombers? Fiscal conservatives? In a pig's eye! While, Feb. 4) by George F.

BRUCE JOFFE.

Danielle Crittenden and Mr. Will say that feminism has forgotten that women are women and that mothers want to be with their children as much as they possibly can.

I believe I have all the at- Feb. 2) by David Fromkin: the end of my three-month

maternity leave. Feminism, properly pracchoice. I promise not to write a book or column about how Ms. Crittenden and Mr. Will should live their lives if they promise not to badger me

LAURETTE TUCKERMAN.

Fiscal Conservatives? Who ever characterized Republicans as fiscal consertrillion debt during Ronald

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Piedmont, California.

#### On Trying Despots

Regarding "Punish the Murderers? It Isn't as Clear-Cut as It Seems" (Opinion,

sponsible for their atrocities. That is why it is necessary to support the prompt ratification ticed, is supposed to be about of the International Criminal Court treaty. This court will minimize political interference and manipulation and move the investigation and prosecution of individuals responsible for human rights atrocities entirely into the legal

The court seeks to establish clear rules: substantive definitions of crimes and penalties and procedural guarantees that countries can agree varives? After racking up a \$4 to in advance. Moreover, by establishing clear definitions Reagan's borrow-borrow- of prosecutable crimes, the spend-spend years, and then court will act as a deterrent to

In the meantime, domestic als did oot punish the Soviet courts like the one in Spain are criminals, and only visited simply fulfilling their duty un-der international law to pursue mans. Nevertheless, as an men oo the other. On the ride fault, they now are calling for perpetrators of gross human ethnic German, born in Gerhome from that party, my rights abuses, such as General many, I have had to struggle young Iranian companion had Augusto Pinochet of Chile, with this issue my whole life when local remedies are not and I can still oot deny the available. Justice for victims reinforces, rather than destabilizes, democracy.

Most Chileans agree; Recent polls show that 76 percent of them favor some form of prosecution for General Pinochet. JOSÉ MIGUEL VIVANCO. Washington.

The writer is executive director of the Americas Divi-sion of Human Rights Watch.

It is true, as Mr. Fromkin states, that the Nuremberg tri-

many. I have had to struggle value of the trials in laying the foundation for modern international human rights law. Mr. Fromkin then proceeds

to imply that since we can not liceman at the statioo's gates. punish all the killers in places like Yogoslavia, we should oot even try to punish the most guilty. He then wrestles with the possible social upheaval that could be caused by punishing the guilty and implies, without actually saying it, that we should not rock this boat.

J. STEFAN LUPP.

#### 20 Years Later, Images From the Revolution

#### By Brad Spurgeon

trative assistant in a new private boarding school. Soon.

sugary pears that grew io an the hallways of the hospital. orchard belonging to the school sproprietor, in a valley the school had a plan (which northwest of Tehran near Ka-

#### MEANWHILE

shah's sister's palace. I re-member the proprietor's 18year-old daughter asking me in her charming broken English if I would like to "sleep with her in the sun, meaning sunbathing. I remember the wonderful echoing chant of religious men somewhere off in the Persian night while stars

lit the valley in the cool air. Schoolchildren with cherubic faces asked me about life where I came from. In the middle of August - around the time of an Aug. 19 arson attack that killed 400 spectators in a cinema— my high-school-aged Iranian friends whispered to me the name of a

savior called Khomeini. One night I went to a party in the rich northern residential part of Tehran with those same high school kids and found the women standing on a disagreement with the taxi driver over the fare. He broke and overthrew the governthe driver's nose, and we ended up at a police station, 1 remember the silvery steel

submachine gun of the po-

I walked home through dark streets while my friend spent the night in the jail. I managed to get off the streets before 5 A.M. That night, the shah imposed martial law, and that morning, Sept. 8, his soldiers were ordered to fire oo demonstrators in Jaleh Square, and

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PARIS — It was early August 1978 when I arrived in their countrymen and turned Iran to work as an administ heir weapons on themselves

instend. I remember being sent the city after city was falling under next day on an errund to a martial law as the shah cracked hospital, and thinking how big down on demonstrations. The the tanks looked in the streets revolution, 20 years old this when you knew they were not week, was on its way. there for a parade. I remember the taste of the wailing of the women in

northwest of Tehran near Ka-raj, just up the road from the rying out) to house some 200 boys and girls in a single large room, in what was supposed to be ao clife boarding school. The crowding would have been not much different from the shah's housing development under construction beside the Karaj highway out of Tehran, high-rise apartments that went on for miles, one building crammed next to another. Housing was needed for the stream of people con-

ing in from the rural areas. One who came in from the south was a military oran. He arrived one evening at the Tehran apartment of the school's English headmaster with a child of about 8. He came from a city seven hours' drive away, and he had to return immediately. He was not known to the Englishman, but he asked him to keep the boy. "Whatever happens, keep my son. If you leave the country,

take my son with you. I only understood the full \* significance of his visit when, after I had left the country, the shah fled in mid-January 1979, Khomeini returned from exile in France on Feb. 1 ment two weeks later.

It was a strange, sad time. To a 20-year-old, slightly adrift, it showed that a whole country could be as sick as an individual. When I returned to Canada from Iran in 1978, I felt as if every day was a good one, and any problems I might ever have were of no importance by comparison.

I had growo up thinking that society was a rock. Iran showed us all that a country more than 200 people were can fall to pieces in no time. killed. Some of the soldiers, it



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Trio in a motocross leather jacket, a leather coat and a Burberry plaid raincoat, layered with check and cream dresses or a kilt skirt, and with gaiters and golf shoes.



Stodginess in Check, a Classic Sports Sophistication

By Suzy Menkes

ONDON - Imagine Queen Elizabeth hiking up her Highland kilt, swapping her sweater-set for a moto-cross jacket and launching herself on the club scene the company creed: - you'll get some idea of the impact of Burberry hitting the British fashion week runway this month. The dowager label, a fashion refuge for country matrons,

retired colonels, stolid husiness executives and tourists on the

heritage beat, has had a spiffy makeover.

After a year of major surgery, the new look gleams on the pale, sanded floor of its spruced-up headquarters in London's headsquares and Gucci belts. Accessories are a projected growth area and so is sportswear.

Functional clothing is a universal look. And Menichetti has remaining the property of the prope stretch skirts and brief versions of the familiar raincoat.

And what you see now in the stores for spring is nothing compared with the new fall collection to be shown Feb. 22 during London Fashion Week, said Rose Marie Bravo, who is burnishing the brand.

do, this is just the DNA. We are aiming for an international luxury brand with a British sensibility," said Bravo, who was president of Saks Fifth Avenue in New York before taking over as chief executive officer at Burberry in October 1997. That was exactly 150 years after Thomas Burberry founded a business built on keeping rain-soaked British weather in

Like the gale-force winds that are famously repelled by the house's signature gabardine, Bravo has swept through the house, appointing a new designer, the Italian-horn Roberto Menichetti, and an American management team. She has dusted down the iconic plaid eashmere scarf, cleansed the 'gray' market of discount sales and taken the 1912 flagship store back to its original grandeur, thus literally and metaphorically lightening things up.

"This particular store is blessed with beautiful bones,

Bravo said, relishing the sight of a group of young Italian women descending on Menichetti's high fashion collection, while Japanese customers browsed through the more traditional golf jackets, kilt skirts and blazers in the Burberry

Surely "Burberry's of London"? No - the "s" and the stuffiness have gone, with a streamlined new logo and an advertising campaign by the photographer Mario Testino (of Gucci and Diana, Princess of Wales, fame). The new ads are enough to make the old guard run for cover: motorcyclists in a wild bunch of sexually charged, body-bugging clothing and couples cavorting on a wind-swept shore.

That is a far cry from the intrepid spirit of the original Burberry wearers. In the glory days of the British colonial empire, they set off on flying expeditions, military campaigns, big game safaris in Africa and through the monsoons of India, confident that a Burberry would keep them and their powder

Their letters, published in a 1931 book, "Open Spaces," offer hilarious and hair-raising testimony to the derring do of an officer, dying of thirst in the African bush, who used his coat to catch raindrops, and another, in the Indian Army, who rushed into the breach in waterproof breeches. This was then

'For safety on land; in the air, or afloat,

There is nothing to equal the Burberry coat."
Protection, Bravo said, is still the essence of the brand, and outerwear is its core product. Yet this has to mean more than

dug into the adventure heritage and introduced ergonomic and ntility elements (think pouch pockets, high-tech wadding and spats). His background at Jil Sander menswear makes him interested in modern fabric research. An "explosion" cotton, its filaments developed for NASA space missions, is used for new raincoats, while motorcycle jackets (in fact, a Burberry classic) are made from cotton impregnated with oil.

Since Bravo has deliberately concentrated on women's wear ("You have to for an international luxury brand today, she said) the changes seem dramatic, with the check printed on gauzy fabrics layered into long dresses.

To a British eye, the country roots that the brand had put down over the last 30 years, have been brutally dug up and replaced with an urban sophistication that looks as foreign as the dark-background check and the tone-on-tone vinyl bags.

If we marketed ourselves as strictly country," Bravo said, 'I would think it wouldn't be as international, it should be more sportive, more weekend wear." She explained how traditional silhouettes have been re-proportioned, and how the accessories, from quilted reversible purses through generous plaid throws, have been developed.

AYBE it takes "someone from the outside," as Bravo put it, to create a modern distillation of the brand's essence. Menichetti said that growing up in Italy, "my memory is of every old man I know wanting one piece of Burberry — it means modern class and

Bravo defines Burberry as "a certain classicism, a raincoat and the iconic scarf, but with wit, a bit of the unexpected that it's tricky to put your finger on."

Neither sees Burberry, as the British would, as entrenched in an old class structure of codes and symbols, which was rejected, along with the beige trench and the check scarf, in the social revolution of the 1960s. That is when, and why, the label went out of fashion with a new generation unwilling to genuflect to the gentry and to an antiquated aristocratic system that Burberry seemed to represent. Ironically, it is just that class status which still appeals to foreigners.

With heavy fashion irony, Cool Britannia rock stars like

Liam Gallagher and even Jarvis Cocker currently wear the Burberry check, but it will take a lot to win the Brits back.

Bravo admitted that British shoppers showed up only during the biannual sales. She wants to get a better balance of customers by age and from different continents, increasing the American market share, which is currently one-third of total sales. Over-reliance on the now troubled Asian market has hit recent sales, which dropped to £90 million (\$147 million) in 1998 from £127 million in the previous year, while profits fell to £2 million, from £19.9 million, according to figures pubto £2 million, from £19.9 million, according to figures published by Burberry's parent company, Great Universal Stores

reinforce the brand's identity whe giving it modern spin, Bravo will have begun to capture, monable hers and minds and imprint on them the iconic cick

#### **BOOKS**

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By David Plante. Illustrated. 224 pages. \$24.95. St. Martin's Press.

Reviewed by Richard Bernstein

DAVID PLANTE'S new novel takes place mostly in the Soviet Union during its bedraggled and dissipated final years, but also in the feverish mind of its main character, called, with American simplicity, Joe. A shy and uncertain 23-year-old man who lives in a house somewhere in the American woods, Joe sees in a magazine a picture of the corpse of one Zoya Kosmodemyanskaya (a photograph reproduced at the beginning of Plante's book), a Russian martyr to

wartime German cruelty. Kosmodemyanskaya was "a Soviet partisan who had fought for her belief in the Soviet Union and was captured and tortured and hanged by the enemy Germans." Joe, looking at her picture, is seized by "a profound belplessness" and a need somehow to redeem the suf-

fering that is visible in the photograph. The next thing we know, he is in eningrad during a snowstorm. Wandering in the streets, he meets a beautiful woman whose name is also Zoya, and, for the remainder of Plante's dark and mysterious tale, it is in her that Joe invests the vague obsession awakened by the photo of Zoya's murdered namesake.

This book by Plante, who has written 13 previous novels, including "Annundesperate and losing fight to interpose ciation" and "The Native," bears some his love for Zoya against the soulless

By Robert Byrne

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late Soviet moral collapse. And while this kind of strangeness might normally be commended in a novel, in this instance it weakens it. This is because the themes that Plante seems to want to explore — the struggle of the human soul in the face of spiritual disintegration — are overwhelmed by Joe's very pathology. He is helpless beyond normal understanding, almost inert, and these individual characteristics seem almost irrelevant to the solid presences surrounding him.

At the center of the book is an in-salubrious triangle formed by Joe, Zoya and a second American, a kind of cynical foil to Joe who maintains a Svengali-like hold on Zoya. This is Gerald, the son of a Southern senator, who is dissolute, cynical, alcoholic and evilly prescient, a man with an unerring sense of the cor-rupt heart of things. With Gerald a dominant and scary figure in Zoya's life, Joe is pressed to engage in three intermingled struggles. One is against his own sluggish nature, another is an Oedipal battle with Gerald and the third is a desperate and losing fight to interpose

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Lately, several grandmasters, led by Boris Gulko, are trying out this rarely seen Smyslov System. Its object, more visible after 6 e3, is to hold the dark squares in the center and play a conservative positional game where Black's counterattacks are kept to a minimum.

In such positions as arise after 7 Bh4, Mikhail Botvinnik always used to go for the hishop pair with 7...g5 8 Bg3 Nh5 in his marvelously dogmatic way. But if 9 Bd3 e6 10 Qe2 f5 11 O-O-O Nd7, it is very much up to White to demonstrate a flaw in the black formation.

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# Pressure Builds on BMW to Keep Rover Plant Open

By Alan Cowell

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of the people who work here said But as the shock waves spread trade and industry minister, Stephen they had no idea how long they from BMW's Munich headquarters, Byers, spoke to both BMW's new

1906. In more modern times, the cility, the biggest of three Rover assembly plants, has become a persistent nightmare. On Friday, its 3D years. The midrange models built lack of profitability and a bitter boardroom dispute over strategy to-ward Rover's future forced the with their collars nimed up tives in corporate bloodletting that stimmed the usually consensual inst gusting snow Monday, some world of German business.

When times are good, foreign inestment bolsters balance sheets. But when times turn tough, the outsiders may be tempted to lead the retreat, as Siemens AG proved with its closure of a major semiconductor plant last autumn

And when investment is trimmed. ouster of BMW's top two execu-tives in corporate bloodletting that cians into the discussion. Prime Minister Tony Blair called Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder. The British

whole for more, evoking what it had the elusive Quandt family, before meant for international investment in management. British labor union strengthen with its 1994 acquisition of Rover for about \$1.2 hillion.

Britain stepped up the pressure on BMW Monday to keep open its troubled Longbridge plant, Reuters reported. Mr. Byers, visiting the factory on the outskirts of Birmingham, said he had made "the stronges possible representations" to BMW about the importance the govern-ment attached to Longbridge and to Rover in general.]

driven automotive industry, reportedly gave itself two weeks to decide between various options, including the continuing development of Rover and a quest for a "partner" to share the burden.

The upshot, a labor representative said, was "cantious optimism" that Longbridge would be spared. But the episode has reinforced the patchiness of Rover's record. While its niche market successes include sport-utility vehicles, the Mini and the MG sports car, its mass-market 200 and 400 models have been poor performers. Its newest executiverange model, the Rover 75, the first created and produced wholly under BMW, seen as vulnerable to a BMW ownership, has just been untakeover in the cutthroat, merger- veiled to generally good reviews.



Stephen Byers, Britain's industry minister, center, visiting the plant Monday with Kevin Howe, right, managing director of one of Rover's car divisions.

# Brazilian Fallout or Argentina, Clouds in the North

By Clifford Krauss

'CONCEPCION DEL URUGUAY, Argentina - The main north-south highway running through Entre Rios, this languid, marshy province of gauchos and cattle, is still clogged with trucks carrying Brazilian, Paraguayan and Uruguayan license plates. Workers continue widening the roads and improving bridges, suggesting a limitless future tied to expanding in-

But clouds are looming ever larger just to the north, over Brazil's economy. Brazil is the main engine of the regional trade union, Mercosur, that means so much to the 1.1 million people who live in Entre Rios.

Perhaps no Argentine province has benefited more from Mercosur than Entre Rios, mainly because of its excellent roads linking Buenos Aires with Paraguay and Brazil and its three busy bridges connecting Argentina with Uruguay. The province's unique position is immediately apparent from the turn of a radio dial, revealing sambas interspersed with tangos, or at the truck stops on Route 14 where Brazilian drivers practice their broken Spanish over Argentine steaks.

But now rice and milk producers across Entre Rios are complaining that Brazilian companies are breaking their purchase contracts because they cannot pay their bills. Local poultry managers are complaining that Brazilians are selling cheaper chickens to supermarkets in Buenos Aires. And local politicians are pressing the central government to raise trade

"The whole province is nervous," said Horacio Roca, resident of a local rice cooperative. "If Brazil declines and Mercosur falls, we have no fumre."

The international economic slowdown has slashed the prices of local beef, soy, fruit juice, cheese and wood, Low prices and reduced demand led to the closing last year of a Nestle plant in Nogoya that made powdered milk. The closing.

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# EU Accepts Rome's Budget Promises

By Barry James

BRUSSELS — European Unioo fi-nance ministers said Monday that Italy's three-year budget forecasts were "clearly too optimistic," but they ac-cepted Rome's assurance that it would take any measures needed to meet commitments made when adopting the euro. Europe's single currency.

With most of them defending entrenched national interests, the ministers bogged down in discussions about reform of the EU's annual budget of 85 billion euros (\$95.98 billion). Several ministers predicted that changes would mean severe cuts in aid to farmers.

The review of Italy's budget plan is part of a procedure to ensure that all countries in the single-currency zone comply with the terms of a stability and growth pact designed to keep the euro strong.

Italy's treasury minister, Carlo Azeglio Ciampi, said he would present revised figures in May, trimming the prediction of Italian economic growth this year to 2 percent from 2.5 percent.

But at the same time, he said, a reduction in interest rates - from the current 4.75 percent to the 3 percent set by the European central bank — would help compensate for lower growth by reducing the cost of servicing of Italy's massive public debt.

Italy was accepted as a member of the single-currency zone on the condition that product not exceed 60 percent, Italy's debt was more than double the required proportion, but the government has Italy had made valiant efforts to join the pledged to bring the level down to less than 100 percent by 2003.

It aimed to do this by reducing its public deficit to 1 percent of GDP in 2001 and maintaining a high primary budget surplus — one in which income exceeds expenditure before debt repayments are taken into account.

The ministers said Italy should "seize all opportunities to secure a faster decline in the debt ratio," They also suggested that any budgetary savings from ower interest payments should be used to "confirm and possibly tighten the announced budgetary targets, even in a

scenario of weaker economic growth." They also called on Italy to speed up its privatization plans and study ways of reducing its pension commitments.

The Italian budget forecasts were based on a macroecooomic framework used for the government's economic and financial planning document last May. Mr. Ciampi said be realized the figures were out of date because of the slowdown in the economy, but that changing them would have required parliamentary approval, and there was insufficient time to obtain this. He said the slowdown would be reflected in the next planning document to be presented by May.

A report last week by the European

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debt. The criteria for the euro demand that the ratio of public debt to gross domestic pattern of deficit spending that marked the three decades before it joined the single currency. But Mr. Ciampi said euro, and oo one should doubt its commitment to ensuring the stability of the

new currency.

He said only one other minister had spoken in the debate about the Italian situation, Asked if this was the Dutch finance minister, Gerrit Zalm, a prominent opponent of Italy's entry into the euro zone, Mr. Ciampi threw up his hands and said, "Don't mention Zalm." But he quickly added, "He's a good friend." For his part, Mr. Zalm said, "I have

confideoce in Ciampi. He keeps his The ministers also urged Portugal to

stem inflationary pressures by resisting wage demands and limiting budgets. They said the Portuguese economy allowed too narrow a margin "to provide for unforeseen shocks in economic activity or in government finances."

As a condition of membership in the single-currency zone, all countries must submit their budgets for review by the commission and by other members. France and Germany are to submit their budgets next month, and Mr. Ciampi suggested they may face similar criticism.

The ministers spent most of the day discussing the reform of the budget, on which depends the EU's enlargement in Eastern and Central Europe and the fuit make stremous efforts to bring down its Commission, the EU executive, revived ture of its common agricultural policy.

#### Thinking Ahead /Commentary

# U.S. Trade Leadership on the Mend land as an allow of the state of the state of the suffer s

First came Mr. Clinton's support in his State of the Union

and other top trading powers. Then Charlene Barshefsky, the U.S.

of course, we to be that of a WTO summit. trading partners have been more accustomed to threats of

of the global game.
One surely unintended consequence of the more cooperative U.S. approach was to vindicate a new French drive to enmesh the United States more deeply in the multilateral system, so as to deter what Hubert Vedrine, the

French foreign minister, now calls the world's lone "hy-berpower" from unilateralist behavior.

One reason for Mr. Clinton's new enthusiasm for trade is his coming role as host at a summit meeting of the World Trade Organization in Seattle in November, a meeting he vants to make a big success. An enduring attachment to

ington in April is putting pressure on the United States to resolve the crisis in Kosovo. It would not look good if Kosovo was exploding just as Mr. Clinton took the chair in Washington. Perhaps all future summit meetings should be

dangers of protectionism, not least on its own doorstep as the U.S. trade deficit rises, at a time when hopes of world economic recovery will be dashed if Europe and North

> But a new trade round is far from a done deal. Idiotically, the United States and the EU are still at daggers drawn over trade in bananas, and an

ington and Brussels still disagree over how the Millennium Round would be organized. Mr. Climon is also still far from achieving the new political consensus on trade he called for in his speech — a consensus he will need both to launch the new round and to

Mr. Clinton seems to believe that to win approval for new hiberalization efforts he will have to show how tough he is against trade partners that buck America's interests. It is a dangerous tactic that could easily backfire.

has in the recent past in standing up to opponents of trade liberalization, many of whom just happen to be the same bard-core Democrats who loyally backed him throughout his impeachment ordeal.

By Reginald Dale International Herald Tribone

ASHINGTON — In the gloomy weeks of President Bill Clinton's often excruciating inpeachment trial in the Senate, there has been at
least one ray of light. The United States has
finally begun to reclaim its traditional leadership role in the world trading system, after shirking it for the past four

speech in January for a new round of world trade negotiations, dubbed by many the Millennium Round, long Thampioned by the European Union One reason for Clinton's... new enthusiasm for trade

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trading partners have been more accustomed to threats of chimilateral sanctions from Washington.

On a visit to Europe, Ms. Barshefsky accurately stated that Americans would be "playing with fire" if they raised the barriers to imports during the current period of international economic and financial uncertainty. She pledged to renounce unilateral action and play by the rules of the clobal agents.

S. unilateralism would not be the way to achieve that. In much the same way, the imminence of the summit meeting of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization in Wash-

held in America

But the Scattle meeting is not the whole explanation for the U.S. trade initiative. Washington is waking up to the America close their markets.

Experience has shown that the best way to thwart protectionist pressures is to keep trade liberalization rolling

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But Mr. Clinton will have to show greater courage than he

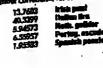
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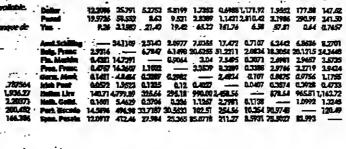
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• Stroh Brewery Co., the No. 4 U.S. brewer, is to sell its beer brands to rivals Pabst Brewing Co., and Miller Brewing Co., exiting the business after 149 years to concentrate on real-estate interests. Analysts valued the transaction at \$400 million

• William Hambrecht, a California investment banker, will introduce a system for underwriting initial public stock offerings through the Internet: an oo-line auction in which poteotial investors would indicate the highest price they would pay for a given number of shares.

 Chubb Corp. has agreed to buy specialty insurer Executive Risk Inc. in a stock swap valued at about \$850 million.

• ImmuLogic Pharmaceutical Corp., a biopharmaceutical company in Waltham, Massachusetts, has decided to close its business and is preparing a plan to distribute company assets to stockholder. to stockholders. The company did not elaborate on the reasons Bloomberg, Reuters, NYT for the closure.

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The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES - "Payback" dominated the U.S. box office over the weekend, with a gross of \$21.4 million. Following are the Top 10 moneymakers, based oo Saturday's ticket sales and estimated sales for Sunday:

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# Microsoft to Reorganize Into 4 Units

businesses into four groups and bring back a top programming wizard who led the development of Windows 95 and the Internet Explorer Web

An announcement on the reorganization, one of the most sweeping shake-ups in Microsoft's history, could come as early as this week, the Seattle Times reported Monday. The Times said Brad Silverberg, 44, a former Microsoft executive now on leave, would be invited back to head the newly immediately available for comment. It was not known whether Mr. Silverberg had accepted Microsoft's invitation.

The reorganization and Mr. Silverberg's role are seen as a major effort to focus on the Internet and Microsoft's customers. The three other customer groups are: corporations; home office or telecommuniters; and developers or maker of wireless communications software programmers. The decision products, and Cisco Systems Inc., follows a review of company operations by Steve Ballmer, the president and No. 2 executive under Bill Gates.

realized the organization was disconnected from customers, organized around technologies and not customers," said Rob Enderle, an analyst with Giga Information Group, who is familiar with the reorganization plans. Mr. Bailmer has headed Microsoft's

interactive media, which include Microsoft's network of Web sites, since November when Pete Higgins resigned as vice president for that group.

Jim Allchin, senior vice president for personal and business systems, would probably head the newly formed rate customers and agencies, the

over from Bill, making fixes that have come the No. 1 cell phone maker, ac-REDMOND, Washington — Micosoft Corp. plans to reorganize its on the customer," Mr. Enderle said. cording to a Dataquest Inc. survey recosoft Corp. plans to reorganize its on the customer," Mr. Enderle said. crosoft Corp. plans to reorganize its on the customer," Mr. Enderle said. He added that the shakeup would be from New York

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■ Nokia Moves to No. 1 Spot

last year, passing Motorola Inc. to be- United States and Europe.

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Motorola held on to 19.8 percent of 1997, the company said. Nokia boosted its cell phone shipments 82 percent, Nokia Oy controlled 22.9 percent of the worldwide cellular phone market of lighter, sleeker digital phones in the

# formed consumer group. Mr. Silverberg and Microsoft officials were not And Now, the Wireless Web?

Motorola and Cisco Seek to Join 2 Booming Technologies

By David Barboza Vew York Times Service

CHICAGO — Motorola Corp., a which provides Internet equipment, said Monday they would form an al-liance that would build the world's 'When Ballmer did his review, he largest wireless Internet system, in what is being billed as the next giant step in the Internet revolution.

The project is the most ambitious effort yet to build a global network that would enable businesses and consumers to have high-speed Internet access to e-mail and faxes without the

The plan, announced at a cellular telephone conference in New Orleans, makes Motorola and Cisco Systems the latest communications and networking giants to join forces in an attempt to capitalize on the increasing popularity enterprise group, in charge of corpo- of the Internet and the rapid growth of wireless communications products.

Over the past year, several telecom-

plans to offer new services or upgrade their wireless communications opera-tions so that businesses and consumers may have some access to the Internet. AT&T Corp., for instance, already offers wireless service that taps into electronic mail and Internet information.

"This is part of a trend," said Roberta Wiggins, a wireless-communications analyst at Yankee Group in Boston. "People have been saying, "There are all these people with cell phones and all these people accessing the Internet, and at some point people are going to put these two things together."

Separately, Microsoft Corp. and British Telecommunications PLC said

they would develop wireless Internet and corporate data services outside North America, Bloomberg News reported from London

The companies will begin testing the services in Britain within the next few months and plan to make them available around the world early next year. BT, Microsoft and Concert, a BT venture that targets global corporate cli-"This is fallout from Steve taking munications companies have announced ents, will market the services.

# **Bearish Analysts** Undermine Stocks

NEW YORK — U.S. stocks were mixed Monday amid concern that the outlook for corporate earnings did not justify price levels. Gains in Microsoft and other computer-related shares buoyed the Nasdaq Composite index.

The market is too rich and there are a significant number of stocks that have gotten ahead of themselves," said Douglas Cliggott, chief investment strategist at J.P. Morgan Securities.

The Dow Jones industrial average closed 13.13 points lower at 9,291.11, while the broader Standard & Poor's 500 index was 4.37 points higher at 1,243.77. The Nasdag rose 31.28 points to 2,404.9.

On the New York Stock Exchange, declining issues outnumbered advancers by an 8-to-7 ratio.

Losses in the Dow were sparked, at least in part, by a warning from one of Wall Street's most persistently bullish analysts. Ralph Acampora, director of technical research at Prudential Securities, said a correction of 5 to 10 percent in the Dow

Separately, Richard Mc-Cabe, chief market analyst at million. Merrill Lynch & Co., said he expected the Dow to drop to the 7.500-8.000 range.

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major carnings announce ments, the analysts' cautious outlooks were enough to end the brief buying spree that oc-curred when the market

opened. Microsoft rose 51/4 to 1651/4 after the world's biggest software maker said it would develop wireless Internet ser

#### U.S. STOCKS

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equipment stocks rose after Mark Fitzgerald, an analyst at Merrill Lynch, raised his intermediate-term ratings.

Mr. Fitzgerald raised Applied Materials, Cymer, KLA Tencor and Novellus Systems to intermediate-term

Applied Materials rose 64 to 67 7/16, Cymer rose 2% to 28, KLA-Tencor rose 4 1/16 to 57 15/16 and Novellus rose 31/s to 6934.

Computer Management Sciences rose 4 1/16 to-27 9/16 after Computer Associates International Inc., the No. 4 U.S. software company, agreed to acquire the information technology con-sulting company, for \$28 share in cash, or about \$435

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#### **ARGENTINA:** Trade Trouble

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plant shutdowns in the coming months.

After Brazil floated its currency last month, the real plummeted 40 percent before reviving somewhat. The drop in the real is beginning to undercut Argentine exports — par-ticularly cars, steel, rice and fruit — that compete with Brazilian ones, since the Argentine peso remains pegged to the strong U.S. dollar.

Argentina has made some modest policy changes, such as The dollar extended gains against the cutting taxes for exporters, in response.

But Argentine industrialists and opposition politicians are increasing the pressure on President Carlos Saul Menem to often executed by selling yen for dollars, then selling those dollars for euros. a regional free-trade zone that, it is hoped, will someday include all of South America.

Argentine officials recently handed Brazilian officials a list of subsidies Brazilian exporters receive, such as tax breaks and preferential foreign-exchange rates; that put Argentine producers at a disadvantage. The Argentines said they wanted the subsidies cut. Brazilian officials refused to make any Trade officials have put together a list of scores of Brazilian

oods for which import licenses may be required beginning March 1 — a bureaucratic device aimed at slowing the pace of Brazilian goods entering the country. Mr. Menem is expected to use the list as leverage for a cut in Brazilian export subsidies when he meets with President Fernando Henrique Cardoso of

"We could erect a wall or put barbed wires between the two countries or even dynamite bridges," Jorge Campbell, Aggentina's top trade negotiator, said jokingly recently. But he said the government preferred to negotiate.

Since Argentina, Brazil, Uruguay and Paraguay signed; treaty in 1991 aimed at creating a free-trade zone, with no import bans or quotas for local products, trade among the four countries has climbed from \$4 billion to more than \$20 billion a year. A full 30 percent of Argentina's international trade is a year. A full 30 percent of Argentina's international trade is with Brazil, with a\$1 billion surplus for the Argentine account

last year.

With the opening of the regional trade union, Eotre Rios farmers decided to take advantage of their river wetlands to grow rice, not a major ingredient in the Argentine diet, for Brazilian consumers.

Entre Rios now produces 55 percent of Argentina's rice ontput. Rice represents much of the province's \$600 million in annual exports, with two-thirds of it going to Brazil.

Rice produced few jobs directly, bot it generated tax revenues for the provincial and local governments, spurring an expansion of public universities, improvements in river perts and the extension of telephone and electricity lines to the most remote villages. A boom in seed-processing plants, granaries and silos produced thousands of construction and service jobs.

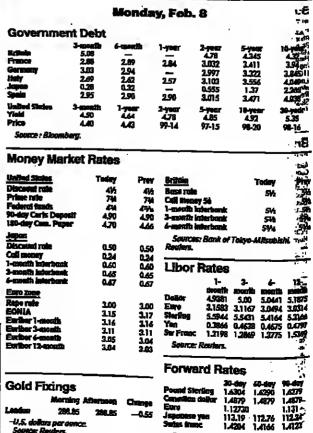
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The buyer, he said, either ran out of credit or was waiting for

exchange rates to settle before retrieving dollars to complete the purchase.

#### INTEREST RATES



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Dollar Rises as Japan Tries to Curb Yen's Ascent 'Rates have essentially tripled in the expectations for lower interest rates in NEW YORK — The dollar rose last few months," said Jamie Coleman, a Europe. Against other currencies, the

curb the yen's rise, both of which would help lift Japan from its worst recession in

Finance Minister Kiichi Miyazawa benefit of getting borrowing costs down wants the Bank of Japan to buy gov-ernment bonds to halt the surge in long-ing in New York the dollar was at 114.545

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The euro rose to \$1.1322 from

1.4218 francs Friday, while the pound rose to \$1.6399 from \$1.6333.

yen and losses against the euro amid sales of yen for euros. Such trades are then selling those dollars for euros. "This is a leftover effect from a big euro-yen order," said Grant Wilson, a trader at Pittsburgh's Mellon Bank, Still, sider purchasing bonds," Japan's chief \$1.1292 even though a slowdown in the euro is down 3 percent from its initial cabinet secretary, Hiromu Nonaka, said. German industrial production bolstered rate of \$1.17, set Dec. 31.

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Hotel Rival

LONDON - The hotels and

gambling company Ladbroke Group PLC said Monday it had

made a friendly cash-and-stock

offer Monday for a rival hoteli-

values Glasgow-based Stakis at £1.16 billion (\$1.90 billion),

will push Ladbroke's Hilton In-

ternational division to the No. 2

spot in the British hotel industry

and make it the country's largest

Group PLC's Forte hotel divi-

Asion is the largest in Britain, Awith more than 30,000 rooms.

The offer values each Stakis

share at 144,25 pence, a 2.3

percent premium to their clos-

ong price Friday, and is made up

i rest in stock. Ladbroke, which

said it intended to rebrand Sta-

astrengthen the brand in Britain,

Said it foresaw savings of at

cleast £16 million a year by next

dyear. It added that the deal

would contribute to earnings in

n: "This is a fabulous deal for Ladbroke," said Fraser Ramz-can, an analyst at Lehman Broth-

ers. "The issue is whether £16

emillion isn't a conservative es-

e Ladbroke's chief executive.

\*Peter George, said the deal 9 would combine Ladbroke's 38

Hilton hotels in Britain with 53

Stakis hotels and Ladbroke's

five London casinos with 22 Stakis casinos. Stakis also has

67 LivingWell health clubs,

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Ladbroke shares rose 15.2

percent Monday, to £2.69, on

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Stakis shares rose 11.3 percent,

(Reuters, Bloomberg)

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#### **EUROPE**

# Financing for World's Poor Countries Declines

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resentative, Martin Gilman, said it ulation as well as the international

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But the IMF's top Moscow rep- be convincing for the Russian pop-

PARIS - Financing from the world's richest countries to developing nations is declining for the first time this decade, the OECD said Monday, a trend the agency said jeopardized efforts to reduce global poverty.

The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, which attributed most of the 11 percent drop to financial turmoil in Asia, now fears that the United Nations' goal of cutting by half the proportion of people living in extreme poverty by 2015 could be at risk.

"If the present trend continues, we won't make it," said James Michel, outgoing chairman of the OECD's development assistance

were from 1997.

PARIS - Accor SA, the largest

hotel operator in Europe, agreed Monday to buy 65 percent of Fran-

tour, a French hotel and travel-

agency company, from France's na-

tional railway operator.
Accor said it also had opened a

tender offer for the other 35 percent

Accor did not disclose the price it

paid to buy its Frantour stake from

the railway company, Societe Na-tionale des Chemins de Fer Fran-

MOSCOW - Russia is sinking in

a quagmire of foreign debt, but the

International Monetary Fund is not

yet ready to come to the rescue, and

analysts said Monday that a com-

promise may not be reached until the

A first deputy prime minister,

Yuri Maslynkov, was quoted by In-

terfax as saying that the government

would draft a policy memorandum

for the IMF this week outlining anti-

crisis plans. He also said Monday

that he believed a Fund mission

debt payments crunch intensifies.

of Frantour's equity.

\$78.1 billion in 1996.

the same period. That translates into a total re-

1998," the OECD said The OECD identified Asia's fi-

The OECD divided financing into
government aid and private investhowever, "is political," Mr. Michel ment. Its 29 member governments said. "It's a matter of political prireduced direct aid to developing na- ority for donor countries " tions to \$76.8 billion in 1997 from

Private financing — commercial investment rather than aid - fell to \$252.1 billion from \$282.6 billion in

duction of 11 percent in absolute terms, the first such fall in the 1990s. "All projections suggest that this decline continued and widened in

nancial crisis as the main reason for the reduction in private funding. The biggest single factor was

Accor Agrees to Acquire Frantour

full ownership, rental or franchise

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ating under the Frantour and Sud-

French and European tour compa-

nies that handled a total of 620,000

A Frantour spokesman said the

company had tourism-related rev-

enne of about 1.54 billion French

francs (\$264.4 million) in 1997, with of 1.14 billion francs coming

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IMF in No Rush to Help Russia on Debt

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next mission would be or when the

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The IMF's latest mission to Mos-

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The decline suggests that development is not getting the same percent. prinrity it used to in donor countries," he said.

Figures show that private investment is continuing to dwarf the amount of aid from governments. Private investment grew to its 1996 high from only \$43.6 billion in 1990. But private investment rarely reaches the world's poorest coun-

tries, Mr. Michel said. Israel, which was the richest of recipients, also benefited from the largest amount of aid, \$1.89 bil-

Only four countries - Denmark. Norway, the Netherlands and - met the United Nations

"This operation is part of a larger

strategic business partnership with SNCF that will be announced

sought to sell all or part of Frantour

to focus on its rail activities and raise

funds to expand that part of its busi-

ness. Last week, it sold Frantour's

train-station restaurant unit to

204.8 euros (\$231.26) on the Paris

Accor shares rose 8.3 percent to

(Bridge News, Bloomberg)

Autogrill of Italy for \$55 million.

Bourse, climbing 15.7 euros.

community." Mr. Gilman said.

Russia's total foreign debt, ex-

cluding interest, is about \$145 bil-tion. This year's payments should

total \$17.5 billion, but only \$9.5

coming due in July to the IMF and

others, so I would say they really

have to have an agreement by the

"There are fairly large payments

billion has been budgeted.

# CEO Ouster

FRANKFURT -- Bay-erische Motoren Werke AG shares rose 8.6 percent Monday after the German luxury carmaker replaced its chief executive, triggering speculation that it could be sold after it slashes costs at its unprofitable Rover unit.

The fifth-largest German carmaker could then be sold to a larger rival to help distribution of Rovers and BMWs in a market

Robert Halver, an analysi at Bank Delbrueck & Co. BMW shares surged 57.49 euros (\$64.92) to close at 726.49 euros, a one-month

DAX FTSE 100 Index **GAC 40** target of spending 0.7 percent of gross domestic product on aid. 6100 4400 The United States, which slashed 5800 4100 aid by 27 percent in 1997, was the 5500 smallest contributor, spending 0.09 4500 5200 3500 In real terms, total development 4900 aid fell by about 20 percent between 1992 and 1997. ■ Assessment of E-Commerce Exchange Prev. Index Monday Close More research is needed to discover the current extent and future AEX 528.24 534,36 possibilities of electronic com-BEL -20 3,446.17 3,474.56 merce, the OECD said in a report Frankfurt DAX

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# Lifts BMW

Bernd Pischetsrieder was replaced Friday by Joachim Milberg after failing to stern losses at Rover. Analysts said the change could herald job cuts or even a plant closure at Rover.

dominated by giant companies.

"BMW is just too small to remain independent," said

high, Volkswagen AG has said it was interested in buying a stake in BMW. Analysts said General Motors Corp., Fiat SpA and Toyota Motor Corp. also were potential snitors.

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#### Very briefly:

 Royal Dutch/Shell Group, the world's biggest publicly traded oil company, is negotiating in invest an additional \$8.5 billion to expand a natural-gas project in Nigeria and develop new oil fields there during the next five years.

• Schering AG, the world's largest maker of contraceptive pills, said 1998 net income rose 7.2 percent, in 478 million Deutsche marks (\$275 million), in line with estimates, as higher profit in the U.S. and Europe outweighed lower Asian and Latin American income

 Deutsche Telekom AG, Europe's largest phone company, received permission from the German phone regulator to charge competitors 25.40 DM a month to use its local phone connections. The company had asked for 37,30 DM a month. The Czech Republic's jobless rate rose for the third month in

January, to 8.1 percent - the highest since the fall of commanism in 1989 — as the country's recession prompted companies to cut jobs to reduce costs and improve efficiency. · British industrial output fell 0.8 percent in December. sparking fresh fears that the economy may sink into recession this year despite aggressive interest-rate cuts by the central

 Thomson-CSF, Europe's biggest defense-electronics maker, said 1998 sales rose 5 percent, to 6.18 billion euros (\$6.92 billion), belped by growing export orders.

• Du Pont Co., the largest U.S. chemical company, won European Union approval to buy the paintmaker Herberts from Germany's Hoechst AG. The purchase will make DuPont the world's No. 1 maker of auto paints. German industrial output was flat in December after a 2.1

percent fall in the previous month. Blumberg, Reuters

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much as 1.58 hillion ringgit (\$415.8 million) that will combine

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with Commerce Asset-Holding and give the government a 30 percent stake in the new Burniputra Commerce Bank.

• LG Semicoo Co. of South Korea said its employees had

returned to work after accepting an offer of six months' wages

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dustries Co. take over the company, ending a 16-day strike.

· New Zealand's central bank has abandoned its much-

criticized monetary index, based on the trade-weighted value

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yen (\$311.7 million) for this financial year and said it would

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Thailand's government is seeking approval of legislation to

remove the country, the world's largest rubber producer, from

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# Kuala Lumpur Shares Slide Ahead of New Tax

Compiled by Our Stuff From Dispatches

KUALA LUMPUR — Share prices plunged Monday as foreign investors pulled their money out before an exit tax on repatriated capital takes effect next week.

The 100-stock Kuala Lumpur Composite Index slumped 32.70 points, or 5.9 percent, to 526.10, its biggest one-day drop since Sept. 8.

On Thursday, Malaysia lifted its five-month-old ban on foreign portfolio investors taking money out of the country in a bid to restore in-ternational confidence and attract the funds it needs to rebuild its slumping economy. Malaysia's first recession in 13 years has pushed scores of companies to the brink of bankruptcy.

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within 12 months will not be taxed. Profits on all investments held for Malaysia. more than 12 months will be subject to a 10 percent levy.

The rule replaces a 12-month holding period for principal amounts imposed last Sept. 1 as part of a set of capital controls.

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> Telekom, the biggest-capitalized Malaysian stock, fell 60 sen to 8.10 ringgit (\$2.13). Telekom accounts for 12.1 percent of the composite index. The power utility Tenaga Nasional Bhd., another favorite of foreign investors, also fell, losing 20

'Foreigners are getting out before

City Securities. But others said the

fall was a buying opportunity.

Despite signs of stability in its struggling economy, Malaysia must hasten the pace of banking and corporate reforms if it wants to fully restore investor confidence, ana-

The imposition of restrictive cap-ital controls last September has paid off, with all economic data now indicating that the recession is bottoming out.

But whether foreign investors return depends in a large part on the government's overall economic policy and efforts at banking and corporate reform, analysts say.

(Reuters, Bloomberg, AFP)

# China Freezes Aircraft Purchases as Growth Slows

freeze Monday on new aircraft pur-chases and a postponement of plane 2000. Still, the 43 planes scheduled chases and a postponement of plane 2000. Still, the 43 planes scheduled deliveries scheduled for the next for delivery this year will arrive as two years to counter overcapacity and slumping demand. China's airtraffic growth slowed to 6.3 percent last year from 7.5 percent in 1997.

"We had been overly optimistic about the industry's development," Li Yongqi, an official of the Civil Aviation Administration of China, said. In 1995 when officials mapped receive this year, 21 are from Boeing loss of \$361 million in the first half

planned, according to a report in the China Daily. Wang Zhi, director of restructuring

for the aviation administration, said 43 planes from China's existing fleet would be retired from service this year, resulting in a zero net increase. over the difficulties." Of the 43 aircraft China is expected to

As to orders for the oext two years, commercial aircraft manufacturers have been asked to postpone

delivery," Mr. Wang said. Jonathan Dong, a spokesman for Airbus Industrie in Beijing, said the company was currently in talks with Chinese airlines about delaying de-liveries to help the airlines "tide liveries to help the airlines

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BEIJING — China ordered a Plan, they projected an annual 13 Corp. and 20 from Airbus.

out the country's ninth Five-Year Co., two from McDonnell Douglas of 1998 as they slashed ticket prices to raise market share.

Two of the country's biggest airlines, China Southern Airlines Co. and China Eastern Airlines Corp., both listed in Hong Kong, have warned in recent weeks that they

will report losses for 1998.
China Southern's B shares, which are traded in Hong Kong, fell 1 Hong Kong cent to close at 58 cents (7.49 U.S. cents), while those of China Eastern fell 1.5 cents to 39 cents.

(Bloomberg, AFP)

# Taiwan Sees Further Cooling After 4.8% Growth in '98

Bloomberg News

TAIPEI - Taiwan's economy • Mycal Corp. of Japan forecast a group net loss of 35 billion grew at an annualized rate of 3.71 percent in the fourth quarter and 4.83 percent in 1998 as simming exports pared growth to the slowest rate since 1982, the government said

> The government predicted that gross domestic product would grow an even slower 4.74 percent this

last year, reflecting reduced demand ministry said. The Taipei Stock from recession-wracked Asian na-Market Index has fallen 9.9 percent from recession-wracked Asian na-

Separately, the Finance Ministry said that in an effort to shore up the stock market, it would temporarily make it easier for brokerages to dispose of shares that clients purchased

with borrowed money. The measures aim to "increase investors' confidence and rights and

this year. Under the oew regulation,

brokerages will no longer be forced to liquidate a client's position if the customer bought stocks with borrowed money and then failed to provide more as collateral after the

stock dropped.

Instead, the brokerage will be al-

The result may be that the brokerage will buy the shares rather than selling into the market and further depressing prices.

The regulation, which is to re-main in effect for three months, applies to stocks for which trading has not exceeded 2 percent of their total outstanding shares during the past six trading days.

It also applies to stocks that quickly reach a daily 7 percent up or

# IMF Weighs Further Aid To Jakarta

JAKARTA — The International Monetary Fund is considering adding to its \$49 billion aid package for Indonesia to make up for a lack of private capital, Hubert Neiss, the Fund's Asia-Pacific director, said Monday.

"Indonesia needs outside money — we cannot expect, during this election period, aninflow of private money," he inflow of private money," he said in Jakarta after meeting President B. J. Habibie

Indonesia plans a general election June 7, and there is concern that it could trigger more riots in the world's fourth most populous country. That worry, along with Indonesia's "junk," or below investment grade, credit rating, has kept foreign investors away.

Mr. Neiss said a proposal for increasing aid would be put to the IMF executive board when it meets in March to consider a revised Indonesian letter of intent outlining economic targets and reforms.

Hc said that if the executive board approved an additional amount, part of it would be dis-bursed in mid-March. He decliced to disclose the amount of the new aid but said it would be significant

The money, he said, is needed to support the central bank's reserves before the election.

He also said that during discussions with Indonesian officials to review the structural changes in the economy pledged by Jakarta in return for IMF aid, the officials agreed to work to keep inflation at about 10 percent in the year to March 2000.

"Again, a measure of social and political stability is an important ingredient," he added.

zation in one year, saying membership is not beneficial to Thai (Bloomberg, AFX) to maintain the oormal operation of lowed to enter negotiations with the rubber producers. Bloumberg, AFP Taiwan's exports slid 9.4 percent the stock market mechanism," the client. down limit. Advertisement **February 8, 1999** INTERNATIONAL FUNDS To receive free daily quotations for your funds subscribe at: a-funds@irt.com For information please contact Katy Houri: Fax (33-1) 41 43 92 12 or a-mail: 195.90 694.00 11.95 12.05 11.31 10.23 9.16 10.57 10.30 90.90 772.70 363.14 371.94 371.97 371.20 788.04 225 788.04 259.30 201.71 445 446 1548 MC DAMES HESTSCH GRO CH 22 708 4565 www.scriet CH Transvey Fund CH Mandaris Portlate Fond CH Mandaris Portlate 1670a.94 15900.32 77.486 14594.57 34,673 11633.66 377.250 157.830 THE BOOK COMPA 27 쎯 22.546 4.567 BLALINY EUR. Houth Corn 262 25 270.11 1092.51 1092.44 2753.00 376.70 376.71 200.58 156.43 459.70 47.77 144.50 922.30 146.41 125.41 125.41 125.41 125.41 DOE PHI S.A. AJIS 277 COLBERT SECURITU d GEF Glebal High Int. Soud
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year-old company that started by ating systems but now focuses on

Eighty percent of the company's 800 million Taiwan dollars (\$24.8 million) in sales last year came from Intermessenger, a handheld Eighty percent of the company's device introduced a year ago that 230 employees work in Taiwan, allows Taiwan's stock punters to receive real-time market data

• Also set to list on the market is costs an initial 5,900 dollars plus a editing program, represents 15 per- Eten Information Systems Co., a 12- monthly fee of 800 dollars. The from consumer-oriented programs product is run in partnership with sold into the highly competitive Chunghwa Telecom Co.

The company, which has 240 cmployees, also sells Dr. Stock, Tai- translation software, wan's first real-time Internet stock information program for Windows.

 Another software company preparing to list, Ares International Co., divided most of its \$10 million in sales last year among specialized software for Taiwan banks, a document-management product developed for the government under nals.

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The president of Ares, Harry Yu, said sales could grow nearly onethird this year because of increased installation work for Oracle software and more sales of banking soft-

Mr. Yn, whose company now employs 200, said the money raised from the stock sales would be in-

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has surveyed, Mr. Joseph said, ex-

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out of line," he said. "This is not a price war where everybody bleeds

Mark Edelstone, an analyst with

Morgan Stanley, reiterated the neu-

tral rating he has long given Ad-vanced Micro and cut his 1999 earn-

ings-per-share estimate to 10 cents

"In comparison, the consensus estimate for AMD was 85 cents," he said. Mr. Edelstone forecasts a loss

for Advanced Micro in the first half

significantly more high-speed mi-croprocessors," he said, "the com-

pany's product mix will be vulner-

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"Until AMD is able to produce

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 The Chicago Mercantile Exchange, Singapore International Monetary Exchange and Paris Bourse said they About 10 percent of its sales came would create a common electronic trading system for derivatives to increase volume and cut costs. The Glober Alliance agreement will create a system for trading across Europe, Asia and the United States by the third quarter of this year, the partners said. It is to unite Simex, the CME and MATIF/MONEP, the French derivatives exchanges, and to compete with the London International Financial Futures and Options Exchange and Eurex, the German-Swiss futures exchange group.

> • U.S. fund managers have raised their forecasts for the country's economic growth this year, with an average forecast of 2.8 percent growth in gross domestic product, according to the Merrill Lynch-Gallup survey for February, compared with a forecast of 2.2 percent a month ago. The managers in the poll say they expect the U.S. economy to be virtually immune to shocks from Brazil and elsewhere. A total of 30 percent of managers now expect inflation to rise this year, compared with 14 percent a month ago.

 Deutsche Bank Securities' chief economist, Edward Yardeni, and nther market-watchers on a panel at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, said that U.S. stocks — particularly computer-related stocks — were overvalued.
"I think we're creating the worse speculative bubble in history," Mr. Yardeni said.

· Yahoo! Iuc., the Nn. 1 Internet search directory, said it was expanding its auction service to offer antiques and collectibles in a partnership with Butterfield & Butterfield, an auction house based in San Francisco. On-line auctions are expected to sell \$3.2 hillinn nf merchandise by 2002.

· Moody's Investors Service Inc. and Standard & Poor's But we're not getting any in-Corp. both said they expected an upgrade in their ratings of dication demand is softening," he said. "The fundamental story is still mutual funds in Japan to accompany the deregulation of the industry. Japanese analysts said information on individual funds had been fairly limited until the rules requiring more Chip distributors his company disclosure were introduced in December.

 The worst may be over for Canadian forestry stocks, with U.S. housing starts stronger than expected and shipments to Japan rising. Since August 1997, the forestry index of the Toronto Stock Exchange has fallen 36 percent amid oversupplies of many products.

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# Taiwan Software Firms Get Ready to Roll Out the IPOs Very briefly:

By Thomas Crampton International Herald Tribune

TAIPEI - Long dominated by small manufacturing companies, Taiwan's stock market is set to enter a new era as regulators lift the barriers that prevent software companies from histing.

J. Software developers hope that publicity from the first initial public offerings, expected within three months, will help attract venture capital into the industry by providing a clear exit strategy.

in For investors, three companies now passing the final regulatory offices purdles offer a variety of different Japan. plays on technology, the Internet and Taiwan's economy.

"• Ulead Systems Inc., one of Tai-wan's few software developers with a majority of sales overseas, will be among the first to list. dir Specializing in Windows-based,

consumer-oriented software for tionching up photographs, digital amage manipulation for Internet stress and digital video editing, the company made its international debut with the Photostyler program in

The program, licensed to Aldus Corp. in the United States, grew to occupy a 20 percent market share and became the largest challenger to Adobe Photoshop in the Windowsbased digital imagery software market. The program was killed after Adobe's merger with Aldus, but not Sio million in sales and \$6 million the sale of the program to

ha About half of the company's sales, which grew 35 percent last year to \$18 million, came from retail and bundled sales of Photoimpact, the company's latest professional standard image editing pro-

the This growth came despite a scan-per price war that has slashed equipment prices by 60 percent over the past year and reduced the manu-facturer's budgets for bundled soft-

Photo Express, a consumer-oriented photo touch-up program, ac- vanced Micro rushes to offer a com- that's where all the growth is." counts for 20 percent of sales, and patible product but runs into man-

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is largely based in Taiwan. Bundled software sales in Europe and Japan make up about 55 percentof sales revenue, off-the-shelf sales in the United States account for 40

is in Taiwan. where software development is done. The remaining workers are

By Lawrence M. Fisher .

New York Times Service

that pricing pressures on micropro-cessors might leave it with a loss for

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Analysts Find Tech Shares' Swoon Overdone ufacturing glitches that keep volume margins than cede sales to Ad- \$5.375 Friday to close at \$70.25 on low. When Advanced Micro catches vanced Micro and watch inventories the New York Stock Exchange after

tities, Intel cuts prices and gets ready Micro Devices Inc. said last week to release the next generation. that pricing pressures on micropro- Advanced Micro should be able to do something about production, but it can do little about pricing. all things being equal, lower prices should lead to higher sales." Advanced Micro's shares fell \$2.0625 on Priday to close at \$16.8125 on the New York Stock

able response for a group of stocks previous day.
Intel dropped \$2.5625 Friday to \$127.5625 on the Nasdaq stock market; it plunged \$8.5625 the previous day after Merrill Lynch & Co. cut its For many technology analysts, the announcement was déjà vu all over again. Advanced Micro said estimate for the company's 1999

price cuts by Intel Corp. would pre-Drew Peck, an analyst with SG increased production of its fastest Cowen & Co., said the habitual AMD-Intel scenario bad been played out in an exaggerated form this time because Intel had realized fell short of analysts' estimates and the significance of the low-end mar-never be easy, Advanced Micro's cited manufacturing problems that ket and was cutting prices sharply prevented it from shipping more of there to regain market share it had there to regain market share it had

prices and have higher profit margins "Intel, to my recollection, has never been this aggressive about the low end of the market," he said. This scenario has played out be-But now no one, including Intel, eration of microprocessor, Ad- can ignore the low end, because

pile up, Mr. Peck said.

But to extrapolate a softening of demand for personal computers and in four months, he said, "so it's a up and is ready to ship greater quan- pile up, Mr. Peck said. related components from the Intel-Advanced Micro price wars would be wrong, he said: "On a unit basis,

He said the problem for PC-re-Exchange, after having fallen \$2 the lated chip companies was that although sales might increase, they wouldn't go high enough fast enough to offset declining prices. Mr. Peck is neutral on most chip stocks but recommends such specialized companies as Analog Devices, Texas Instruments Inc. and

Vitesse Semiconductor Corp. Jonathan Joseph, an analyst with Nationsbanc Montgomery Securities, said that while competing with a market leader such as Intel would inconsistent execution was more of

a hurdle for the company.
"I think AMD's No. 1 problem is AMD, not Intel," he said. "AMD of the year, just can't get their yields up."
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Mr. Joseph said not to assume that other chipmakers would suffer, even though the market brought down many. He noted particularly Micron Intel would rather reduce profit Technology Inc., which dropped

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#### Zimbabwe Dropped **As Soccer Cup Host**

**SOCCER** Africa's top soccer body on Monday withdrew Zimbahwe as host of the 2000 African Cup of Nations, saying the country was unprepared to stage the eveot.

The African Football Confederation will choose a new host country on March 10 after accepting new bids, the body's secretary-gen-eral, Mustapha Fahrny, said after a confederation meeting in Ahidjan.

He declined to speculate on who the last-minute replacement might be, but said it was "unlikely" that Zimbabwe would be considered again. Zimbabwe had been selected as the host nation in 1996.

Fahmy said that Zimbabwe's stadiums and television broadcasting facilities were not up in par and that the government had failed to provide enough financing for the Cup as promised.

 German soccer authorities said Monday they had been taken by surprise by a rule on World Cup stadium capacity that eliminates several of its proposed venues for the 2006 finals.

FIFA, the governing body of world soccer, has raised the minimum capacity of World Cup grounds to 40,000. Germany had followed the 30,000 minimum required in the World Cup in France in 1998. (AP, AFP)

#### Silver Lining for Stewart

GOLF Payne Stewart finally got another victory, but only after the last round was washed out Sunday in the National Pro-Am in Pebble Beach, California,

For the third time in four years, rain kept the tournament from going the distance. The final round was canceled because of standing water on the Pebble Beach Golf Links and no hope for better weather the next two days.

Stewart, in his first victory since the 1995 Houston Open, had a 10-under 206 total in rounds at Pebble Beach, Poppy Hills and Spyglass Hill Frank Lickliter was second, one stroke back.

#### Buyer of McGwire's 70th

BASEBALL Todd McFarlane, creator of the "Spawn" comic book and movie character, revealed himself Monday as the man who had anonymously paid more than \$3 million at auction last month for the baseball that Mark McGwire hit for his record 70th home run. 'I blew my life savings on this,"

McFarlane, 37, a self-described conference io New York (Reuters)

#### The Color of Money

RUGBY UNION Roger Pickering, chief executive of the Five Nations Committee, has written to the tournament sponsors Lloyds TSB complaining about the logo in Duhlin that caked Ireland and France players in dye. The Irish were most affected by the paint as on-pitch logos were used for the first time in the tournament. The dye was blue and red, so Ireland's green shirts were soon multicolored. On France's blue shirts only red stains (Reuters) were visible.

# **Elway Soars** In Pro Bowl, **Helping AFC** Win, 23-10

The Associated Press HONOLULU - John Elway did what he has done so many times before, moving his team briskly down the field and into the end zone. And then he was

done for the day.

If the Pro Bowl was the Denver quarterback's final game, he went out with a brief but shining performance.
Welcomed with a roar by the Aloha Stadium crowd, Elway played only the first series Sunday but threw a much-

down pass to start the American Foot-

ball Conference toward a 23-10 victory over the National Football Conference. "I had fun. We had a good drive and got the joh done, and that's what it's all about." Elway said. "This is the time of the year for the National Football League. It's great for the league and for

Elway was happy for his AFC teammates Ty Law and Keyshawn Johnson, the game's co-MVPs.

"They are very deserving," Elway said after the AFC's third straight victory in the AFL'star game. "I'm glad

tory in the All-Star game. "I'm glad they got it. Those young guys, they're fun to watch."

Elway, 38, was fun to watch, too. He said going in that he planned to play only a series or two, but that he wanted to do something good while he

Completing four of five, including a 33-yarder in New England tight end Ben Coates, Elway passed for 55 yards in the AFC's opening 61-yard drive. He sidestepped a pair of pass rushers

and lohbed a three-yard TD pass to Sam Gash to put the AFC ahead to stay. Gash, who may have caught the final touchdown pass of Elway's career, was

awed. "It was definitely memorable. A legend threw the ball and I was able to catch it," the Buffalo fullback said. The MVP of the Broncos' 34-19 Super Bowl victory over Atlanta a week earlier, Elway watched the rest of the

game from the sidelines. He plans to announce within the next couple of months whether he'll return to the Broocos for another seasoo - and a shot at three consecutive NFL titles. Broncos players accounted for 16 of

the AFC's Pro Bowl points - Denver's Jason Elam was perfect on field goals of 23, 46 and 26 yards. New England's Law returned an in-terception 67 yards for the other AFC

Law also made five tackles and broke up three passes, and the Jeis' Johnson

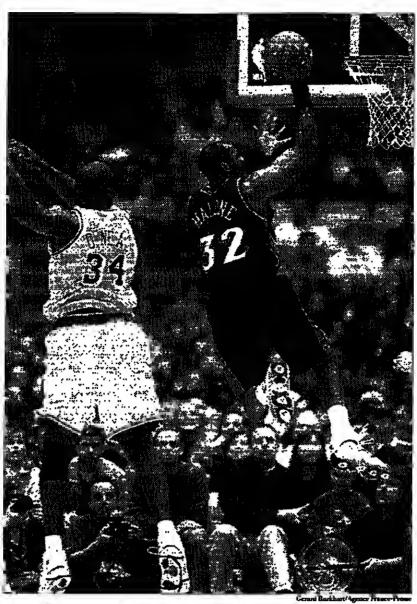
had seven receptions for 87 yards. the leading receiver with 10g yards on seven catches. Moss is already being compared to NFL great Jerry Rice of

San Francisco, who had five catches for While Elway was virtually flawless during his short appearance, the other All-Star quarterbacks combined to

throw six interceptions — including three hy the Jets Virny Testaverde in Another future addition to the NFL Hall of Fame who has announced he's

retiring, the defensive end Reggie White of Green Bay, enjoyed what may or may not be his last Pro Bowl. "This was a great week, one of the

best I've had since I've been in the Pro Bowl." White said.



Karl Malone of the Jazz outjumping the Lakers' Shaquille O'Neal.

# Plain and Persistent Does It for the Jazz

Veterans Show Lakers How Basics Work

By Joe Drape New York Times Service

INGLEWOOD, California - The Los Angeles Lakers remain prettier, with a springy Kobe Bryant drop-stepping for reverse lay-ups and Shaquille O'Neal bulling through the lane like a mountain on wheels. But the Utah Jazz once more showed that a plain team that plays tenacious defense with such highlight unfriendly tactics as the pick-and-roll, still has the best claim on the National Basketball Association's Western Conference title as they won the rematch of last season's conference final.

For three quarters Sunday, the Jazz let the Lakers have their way. Bryant had popped for 12 mostly spectacular points from all over the floor and O'Neal had rammed in 30 as he knocked Greg Ostertag, Todd Fuller or whichever Jazz

player got in his way.

The Jazz also were showing the age and the miles of a 13-year-veteran, Karl Malone, and a 14-year veteran, John Stockton, who had been forced back to work unprepared in this shortened sea-

Malone, 35, took a wicked belly flop trying to handle one pass and staggered down the floor trying to chase down another on a fast break.

The 36-year-old Stockton was tentative running the usually precise Utah offense, and the Lakers had ridden eight Jazz turnovers to a lead as big as 13

Bnt when the horn sounded for the final period, the duo showed emphat-

double for the Kings, with 16 rebounds,

10 assists and eight points. Bibby had 11

22 points, nine rebounds and 11 assists

most of a 20-point lead in Los Angeles.

The win was the first for Chicago

Bulls 89, Clippers 84 Toni Kukoc had

points and nine assists.

ically that veteran also means exped-enced, and plain may not be pretty but it is effective.

The two scored 26 of the Jazz's points to cootinue Utah's dominance over the Lakers. The Jazz did it the same way it swept

the Lakers in the playoffs last season, the same way that has kept the Jazz knocking at the door of the NBA title. Malone placed his ample body in front of Stock-ton's defender and Stockton passed to

the rolling Malone.

"We executed fairly well," said lessy Sloan, the Utah Coach. "We ran the pick and roll and got fairly decent shots. John is the best in the business at doing Then, further illustrating his team's

lack, or outright avoidance, of flair, Sloan explained the Jazz's philosophy on the fast break.

"We want to get lay-ups when we can," he said. "When we run the floor-we want the ball in be shot as a lay-up." Malone and Stockton began that cline ic with 7 minutes 39 seconds left in the game when the Jazz were down by 36

First Stockton went the length of the court for a basic, banked lay-up. Then he found Malone underneath, and again the forward used the glass.

For the rest of the period, no other

Utah player would score as the pair picked and rolled, hitting jumpers and lay-ups as Stockton finished with 36 points and Malone 28. "They just played smarter than twe

did," said O'Neal, who finished with 37 points and 14 rebounds but was just two for six in the final period. They were more efficient with he

ball than we were. They were better than Bryant, who finished with 16

points and 12 rebounds, seemed bedebut of Vancouver guard Mike Bibby. Vlade Divac also just missed a triplefuddled by Utah's approach to the game,

"They play us differently than any other team in the league." he said. They won't double as immediately. They dig in and play old-style defease with their tough guys like Stockton and Malone. They just hang around and hang around and then they go get you."

After the game, Stockton sat as his locker with bags of ice on his knees.

Nearby, Malone had both of his feet planted in a cooler full of ice. "We've been hearing about how we're too old and too slow for years now," Malone said with a smile. "But

you still got to suit them up and play."

# Shutout Rolls Avalanche's Winning Streak to 12

less in their first six games this season. Now they seem unbeatable.

Patrick Roy made 27 saves for his 46th career shutout as the Avalanche

NHL ROUNDUP

extended their franchise-best winning streak to 12 games with a 3-0 victory over the host Dallas Stars on Sunday. Roy won his 11th consecutive de-

cision and registered his fifth shutout of the season as he hlanked the team with the most points in the Western Conference.

Roy has three shutouts during his personal winning streak and has allowed only 18 goals in that stretch. Dallas goalie Ed Belfour faced only 12 shots but gave up three goals.

Bruins 3, Rangers 2 in Boston, Joe Thornton scored the game-winner with 3:27 remaining as the Bruins spanned.

3:27 remaining as the Bruins snapped an eight-game winless streak.

Richter, the New York goalie, for his of his own shot. 10th goal of the season.

won their sixth straight game. It was

Islanders 3, Canucks 3 Markud A:

men, gave Vancouver a 57-second two-man advantage, and Naslund cap Thornton's backhander beat Mike italized when he swept in the rebound

capitals 3, Sahres 1 Olaf Kolzig stopped 19 sbts as the Capitals won their fourth straight, handing Buffalo its Penguins 2, Red Wings 1 In Pitts-hurgh, Tom Barrasso stopped 35 shots from the Red Wings as the Penguins fourth loss in a row and ending Dome inik Hasek's shutout string of mode the second consecutive strong start for than 121 minutes in Washington.

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have won their first two games. Reggie

scored 12 of his 24 points in the second half as New Jersey gained a split in the home half of a back-to-back series

Nets 79, Hawks 69 Keith Van Horn

The Hawks, who became the first

NBA team in more than a decade to play

three straight nights, shot only 29.5 per-

cent from the field. Scott Burrell added

Suns 115, Nuggets 108 Tom Gugliotta had 29 points and 13 rebounds in his

Miller scored 26 for the Pacers.

against Atlanta.

16 points for the Nets.

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# After Record, Cricket-Mad **India Hails** A New Hero

NEW DELHI - At shops and bus stations Monday, on radio and television and in newspapers, the topic was the same: the stunning 10-wicket haul by the spin bowler Anil Kumble that proelled India to victory in the second of wo cricket tests against Pakistan.

The 212-run victory helped India level the two-test series, the first played against Pakistan in India in 12 years.
Pakistan won the first test in Madras earlier this month.

In this cricket-mad region, political invalries have kept the Indian and Pakistani teams apart.

"I suppose for good India-Pakistan Telations, the one-all draw in the series is romer Jamaica and West Indies fast Bowler, wrote in The Indian Express

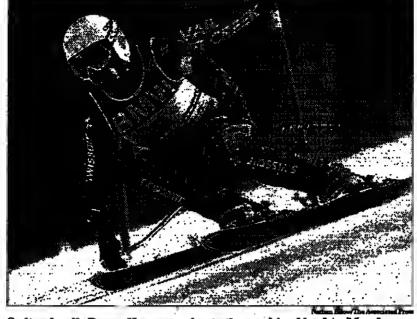
newspaper. Year Sunday, claiming all the wickets, a the 122-year history of test cricket. Jim Eaker of England did it in a 1956 match against Australia in Manchester.

In India on Monday, television stations soplayed the entire match — which had lasted four days — and others showed -Kumble's bowling again and again. Children in New Delhi rose early to

blay cricket before going to school.

Kumble is my hero!" said Chanchal Misra, a 12-year-old boy trying to bowl like his idol on the street.

Manchester eight years ago on the ground where Laker took 10 wickets in an innings, and 19 wickets in the match. on a rain-soaked pitch. On Sunday, Kumble bowled on a pitch slightly softened by rain.



Switzerland's Bruno Kernen racing to the combined lead on Monday.

# Kernen Holds Slim Lead **After Combined Downhill**

The Associated Press

BEAVER CREEK, Colorado — Switzerland's Bruno Kernen took a slim lead over a pair of Norwegians on Monday in the downhill portion of the men's combined event in the World Alpine Ski

Two slalom runs, scheduled for Tues-

world championships in 1997 in Sestrieres, Italy, had a smooth run that was timed in 1 minute, 13.44 seconds.

are the favorites here. Kjus was first and Aamodt second in a combined in Wengen, Switzerland, on Jan. 17. A week later. Asmodt was first and Kius second in a combined in Kitzbuehel, Austria. Kjus, who tied Hermann Maier of

Austria for the gold medal in the super-G on Tuesday and finished second to Maier day, will conclude the event, with the times for all three runs determining the combined champion.

Kernen, gold medalist in downhill and the time of Werner Franz of Austria, silver medalist in combined at the last finishing in 1:13.58.

Two racers later, Aamodt, the defending world champion in combined, finished .06 seconds quicker than Kjus at He was a mere ,08 seconds ahead of 1:13.52. Kernen, 26, was next, and he Kjetil Andre Aamodt and .14 seconds avoided the problems in a couple of ahead of Lasse Kjus, the Norwegians corners that hurt him in the downhill on who have made the combined event their this same Birds of Prey course, when he personal playground this season and who placed seventh.

# Lippi Quits as Juventus Coach

#### Ex-Parma Chief Ancelotti Takes Over at Italy's Struggling Giant

Compiled by Our Staff Prior Disputches

TURIN — Carlo Ancelotti was appointed coach of the Italian champion Juventus on Monday following the resignation of Marcello Lippi.

After Lippi made it clear before Christmas that he would not stay for another season, Ancelotti had agreed to take over the club in July. But Lippi resigned on Sunday night after Juventus lost, 4-2, in Turin to Parma. On Monday, Ancelotti agreed to bring forward his

"If the problem with this team is me, then here's my resignation," Lippi said Sunday night. "Let's see this team without the Lippi problem. I've tried to do everything possible to wake this team up, but I've failed." Vittorio Chiasuno, the Juventus pres-

ident, said that Lippi, who had been coach since 1994, had "handed in his resignation in irreversible fashion." He added that the club had "accepted it with great sadness '

Lippi's five-year contract with the club expires in June, but the coach had already announced that he would not extend the deal. He has been linked to the coaching job at Inter Milan for next

Ancelotti, a 39-year-old former play-er, started his coaching career with Reg-giana. He then coached Parma for three years, leading the team to its best-ever second place in the Italian league in 1997. He has been out of a job since being dismissed by Parma at the end of

Under Lippi, Joventus returned to prominence after a rare down period. Lippi guided Juventus to three Serie A titles in the past four years, plus the 1996 European Champions Cup.

If success is one hallmark of Lippi's

vears with the Turin club, another is constant roster renewal - selling off stars and replacing them with oew ones. Roberto Baggio, Fabrizio Rayanelli, Christian Vieri and Gianluca Vialli have been among the castoffs.

with the team this year when Alessandro Del Piero, the star striker, was lost with a knee injury. The club has not recovered, winning just one of its last eight games and dropping to ninth place in the 18team league. It has been outscored 23-22 in Serie A, and has been eliminated from

the Italian Cup competition. The last time Juventus sat so low in the league table at this stage of the season was in 1962, when it was ninth at the

#### ITALIAN SOCCER

halfway stage and finished 12th, its worst league finish ever.

Lippi suggested that his team's poor showing was linked to his announcement in December that he would leave in the summer.

· Fiorentina, the Italian League leader, lost both its strikers Sunday. Gabriel Batistuta, the top scorer in the

Italian League, twisted his left knee as Fiorentina drew, 0-0, with AC Milan. He will be out for up to six weeks.

On Sunday evening, Edmundo, a Brazilian nicknamed "The Animal" because of his wild play, flew to Rio for the



and failed to "wake up" Juventus. relegation zone. (AFP, AP, Reuters)

That lack-of-depth habit caught up city's carnival celebrations, saying he would be happy never to return.

The Brazilian, who is not scheduled to return to Florence until the middle of next week, said he had no regrets about leaving the club and its coach, Giovanni Trapattoni, in the lurch.

"There's nothing strange about it; it was all arranged," he said. "Trapattoni has a lot of ideas and a thousand resources. He'll have no problem finding another striker."

'If I feel like it, I'll come back -- to 10 days' time," he added. "But if the club were to let me go, I'd certainly never come back.'

Edmundo walked out on Fiorentina last season but was persuaded to return. In the summer, Vittorio Cecchi Gori, the club president, talked Edmundu into staying for another year, but there has been growing friction between him and bis teammates.

He said be had talked with Cecchi Gorin "nearly every day and asked him to let me go.

'But he won't," he added. "And so here we are.' Edmuodo seemed to have no regrets

about leaving even after Batistuta's injury.
"Nobody asked me to stay, but even if they had, I would have left anyway," he

told journalists at an airport near Milan. "With league titles, some you win and some you lose. Anyway, there's a long way to go yet. Nothing's been decided." Ilario Castagner resigned as coach of the Serie A club Perugia on Monday, saying he was fed up with the interference

of the club president, Luciano Gaucci. Castagner accused Gaucci of creating tensions and negative repercussions inside the Perugia camp.

Castagner guided Perugia to promo-tion from Serie B last season. The club made a solid start to the current campaign, but has slipped since the start of the year. It lost, 3-0, to Lazio on Sunday Marcello Lippi said he had tried and is 13th, three points clear of the

#### SCOREBOARD

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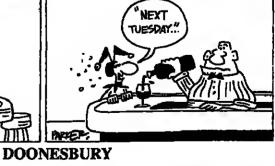
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#### ART BUCHWALD

### Going Downhill

write ahout something be-sides President Bill Clinton official event for the World and Monica Lewinsky?'

I reply, "I could, but I have

to feed my family.' The other day when the long as you don't lie about it. question was posed I said, could I write

about? "What about skiing? People much more interested in skiing than what is going on in Washington.

So I went to Vail, Colorado, for the World Skiing Championships and found out some interesting facts.

Skiing is not an impeachable offense unless you lie about how fast you went down the hill.

It is not a crime to crosscountry ski with another persoo unless you offer her a joh at the end of the run.

NEW YORK — The most recent refrain from the reader is: "Why can't you does between bedtime and breakfast is not considered an Ski Championships.

It is all right to fall when you are downhill racing as The ski fans will accept a roll in the snow, but they want the skier to admit it and promise never to do it again.

Some influential skiers will try to get members of their staff to take the fall for

If you meet a lovely lady on the ski lift and she is wearing a beautiful outfit, with Bogner goggles and Ralph Lauren ski boots, and she is mutually attracted to you, do not, under any conditions, buy her gifts from the souvenir shop at the bottom of the hill.

That is my skiing article. I hope it takes people's minds off the Clinton stories. Obviously, there are other things than sex to write about. You just have to work harder to

#### Helping Jackson Pollock Quit

New York Times Service

NEW YORK — The U.S. government has banned cigarette smoking on airplanes and in office buildings. Now comes

the next stop on the smoke-free frontier postage stamps.

The Postal Service will unveil a stamp on Feb. 18 celebrating Jackson Pollock's contribution to Abstract Expressionism. The stamp, only the second to commemorate an American artist, is hased on a 1949 Life magazine photograph by Martha Holmes showing the denim-clad artist, a chain smoker, in his studio pouring paint onto canvas, a cigarette hanging precariously from his mouth. But in an artist's ren-

dering of the photo on the stamp, the cigarette has vanished.

"We're not honoring a smoker who happened to be an artist; we're honoring a very good artist who happened to be a smoker." said Don Smeraldi, a spokesman for the Postal Service, "Smoking is not the issue,"

Experienced philatelists know that this is not the first time a cigarette has been excised for a postage stamp. A 1994 stamp commemorating the blues guitarist Robert Johnson shows him lacking his signature eigarette, which appeared in the original photograph.

# A Folk Star in China Blends Song and Protest

By Neil Strauss New York Times Service

KASHGAR, China — Kashgar is a town tangled up in two

time zones. Nestled in the northwest of China, less than 200 miles (320 kilometers) stan, the legendary Silk Road oasis is run by the Han Chinese, who follow the clock of their capital, two time zones away in Reiiina from the borders of Afghanistan,

time zones away in Beijing. Meanwhile, the Uighurs, Turkicspeaking Muslims who make up more than 80 percent of Kashgar's population, live according to the local clock, two hours earlier than Beijing's. This disparity makes Kashgar a confusing town to nav-igate — and it made the task of one of the most important contemporary Uighur composers and mn-

sicians, extremely difficult. Like Kashgar, Heet leads a double life. On one hand, he is famous in the region for his per-formances of traditional Uighur poetry and music. These are sung in a deep, resonant, nasal voice and accompanied by the dutar, a two-stringed lute. The music is available as cassettes manufactured and distributed by the Chinese govern-

On the other hand, there are the privately manufactured cassettes. These contain Heet's original com-positions, pieces like "Stubborn Guest," an old man's plea to a lodger who has overstayed his welcome — and a thinly disguised analogy for China's presence in the surrounding Xinjiang region, which was made a province of China in 1884.

Traditionally, Uighur music deals with love, morality and criticisms of misconduct, But Heet --known as the "Rooster of Xinknown as the "Rooster of Xinjiang" because of his voice — is
the first Uighur musician to write
about life under Chinese rule. As a
result, he has to pay extra money to
the private manufacturers of his

written about the music was burned
that Heet does not have a phone. At
the Cultural Revolution,
"Ten years ago, modern music
was very popular," Emin said.
"But these days folk music has the
the private manufacturers of his the private manufacturers of his most important place in Uighur socassettes to compensate them for ciety. I think it's because during the neatly pressed white button-down

the risk they are taking. He dis-tributes these tapes for free.

A master of folk tradition with a fire for protest and poetry, he has become a local Bob Dylan, spurring many musicians to follow in his footsteps. Songs like "Stub-born Guest" and "Silk," a paean to Uighur culture, have become an-

Kashgar's Sunday market, where the stalls selling local cassettes had his three-tape series of traditional tunes, "Regret," on prominent display. There Abdul Ghenee, a young Uighur, promised he could help track the composer down.

"We have a saying," he said, igate — and it made the task of ruthing his bandaged eye, a result tracking down Abdurahim Heet, of a fight with a Chinese man who had insulted a Uighur woman. "When a Uighur child can walk, he can dance. When a Uighur child can speak, he or she can sing."

The next stop was an open storefront on a dirt road. The shop belonged to the Emin family, which has been making and selling in-struments there for five genera-tions. The store was a reminder of Kashgar's duality. On the outside was a gold-

covered plaque designating the shop's proprietor, Muhammat Emin, as a model member of the local Communist league. But inside, traces of modern Kashgar disappeared. The walls were lined with elaborately decorated hushtars, a violin-like instrument that had disit was discovered during an excavation in the nearby Taklaman desert about 50 years ago.

Emin explained the Uighur oral tradition: There is no notation in Uighur music, which is perhaps a good thing, since what little was



appeared from Uighur music until Abdurahim Heet sings about Uighur life under Chinese rule.

they listened to, and many famous musicians were killed."

Emin gave Ghenee the phone number of Heet's sister, explaining

Heet was dressed in jeans, a

Cultural Revolution people didn't shirt and a dapper mustache. A have the freedom to choose what finely handled Uighur dagger hung from a leather sheath booked to one

of his belt loops. He sat on an elevated, bright red carpet and had his family bring out flat bread, melon, tea and a bowl for hand-washing. He then leaned over and whispered something to Ghenee who explained, embarrassed, that

Heet had never spent time with an American before. For the next hour, Heet (with time to a single clock, the dutar,

Ghenee serving as translator) explained the history of the music, the dozens of marathon four-hour concerts he performs annually and the book he was completing on classical Uighar music, the first of its kind.

"Mosic is one of the most important parts of Uighur culture," he said. "People here can wear American T-shirts, but their hearts stay the same. The music, because it's such a symbol of the heart, changes

slowly. Nonetheless, Heet has been changing the music. Influenced by-Persian, Arabic and Turkish music, Uighur songs are as jubilant as they are complex, soaring and dipping along the Arabic scale known as the magam and helping to give the Xinjiang region the nickname "the land of song and dance."

Generally thought to have been brought to the area in the ninth century, Uighur ruusic wound up influencing Chinese court music when it became a favorite among Tang emperors.

One of the highlights of Heet's

latest recording and first CD, "Inheritance," is a song called "Rooster," a story about a rooster awaking his people from darkness to welcome a new dawn. "The government hasn't said

anything to me about the political songs yet," he said, "so I don't know if I have a problem." That night, Heet brought us to a

local teahouse, where he sat in the back room, door shut to prevent the sound of the restaurant's one-man

synthesizer band from leaking in. After dinner, Heet found a dutar in the restaurant. It was warped and ont of tune. But when his fingers started sliding and twiddling with heavy-metal speed up and down the long neck, the instrument's defects

seemed to disappear. Wailed rooster-voiced lyrics reverberated, the strings crackled brightly beneath his fingers, up-tempo melodies flowed out of the door. Heet went on for minutes, or hours; it was hard to tell. For a moment, Kashgar was one, keeping





WINNERS — Derek Jacobi and Julie Christie at the Evening Standard Film Awards in London, where they were named best actor and actress. She won for her role in "Afterglow," and he for "Love Is the Devil."

THE actress Whoopi Goldberg does not want to hear trash talk from people who think her doing "Hollywood Squares'' is a major comedown, "I don't need to have three films coming out and watch my hair fall out worrying about the opening weekend gross," the Academy Award-winning actress says in the new issue of TV Guide. "I like this schedule and the money is good." Through her clout, the "Hollywood Squares" center square and executive producer has been able to get such guests as Robin Wil-liams, Billy Crystal, Danny Glover, Melanie Griffith, Rosie O'Donnell, Trisha Yearwood and Garth Brooks on to the show. "Some of them are doing this as a favor to me. Some figure it can't hurt their careers," she said. "I cherish they don't care what the perception is."

Olivia Newton-John will receive the Humanitarian Award from the American Red Cross for her "dedication to community education and to helping people in need." The singer, a breast cancer

survivor who underwent a mastectomy in 1992, was chosen by 10 local chapters of the American Red Cross.

The memorial fund set up in the name of the late Diana, Princess of Wales, suffered yet another setback Sunday when Diana's former secretary resigned from her post, officials said. The fund, created to finance charitable causes associated with Diana and controlled by her family, has been accused of drifting away from protecting her "legacy" in favor of commercialism. Jackie Allen, who served as Diana's secretary for nine months and who worked particularly closely with her oo the anti-personnel mines campaign, gave no official reason

Promoting his Miss USA Pageant, the real-estate developer Donald Trump enjoyed being a hig fish in a small pond, dazzling the locals in Branson, Missouri, with the kind of banter that draws yawns in New York. "I was a great genius in the '80s.'' he said, "then I was a great moron in the early '90s, That's probably why I bought this pageant so I could get a date. Now they call me a genius again. It's great."

campus about 800 miles south."

There is "Lear," an Asian reconstruction of Shakespeare's tragedy, but starring a Japanese Noh actor as Lear. Festival of Perth in Australia.

The English Shakespeare Company with present a "Richard II" featuring a bald. fat, babyish Richard with an army of teddy bears. There is the Company Chandigarh's "Yerma," a Lorca drama relocated from Spain to a Punjahi village in India. These are a few of the attractions in theater, music, dance and film to be seen beginning Friday at the

#### Professor Cleese: Enter Laughing

The Associated Press

ITHACA, New York — John Cleese, the British actor-comedian known for this roles in Monty Python's Flying Circus and Fawlty Towers, has been given an honorary professorship at Cornell University.

During a discussion on the mechanics of humor, Cleese gave his new title a "I would be delighted to answer anything, provided that you call me, 'Professor Cleese,' " he said to a crowd of about 1,200 students. Cleese was made an honorary A.D. White professor-at-large --- a program

named after Cornell's first president. He is expected to lecture in Ithaca once a "I think I would rather be a professor than an earl or a duke," he joked. "I have only one criticism, other than the coffee. I think that we should move this



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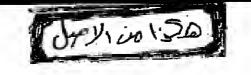
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